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LOCAL PLAN REVIEW SET TO BE SCRAPPED

Cabinet working group recommends process to be re-started from the beginning

Report by **Henry James**

WEST Lancs Council's review of the controversial Local Plan is expected to be scrapped and the process re-started from the beginning.

The Local Plan Cabinet Working Group met on Wednesday, September 4 and issued the recommendation "that the current Local Plan Review ceases in its entirety."

The recommendation was set to be agreed by the council cabinet last night (Tuesday) as the Champion went to press.

Following the recommendation, the Conservative group on the council pointed to the money that had been wasted on the process, while the leader of independents, Our West Lancashire, Councillor Adrian Owens welcomed the move to begin the process again.

The group also recommended that the current local plan working group be dissolved and a new "Local Plan Cabinet Working Group' be established with updated terms of reference to commence work immediately on a new Local Plan Review process."

They commented: "The Local Plan Review Preferred Options consultation generated a significant amount of feedback on the proposals, and there are a great number of matters related to a new Local Plan that need to be given time for the council to fully consider and ensure the right new Local Plan is prepared for West Lancashire.

"This includes matters relating to climate change and how the Local Plan might help address this important issue. Due to the age of parts of the current evidence base, the Local Plan Review would need to progress to submission by March 31, 2020 if it were to be taken forward, and this does not allow the time to fully consider all the matters raised by, and since, the Preferred Options consultation."

Councillor David Wesley: "A real victory for common sense and local democracy."

Councillor Adrian Owens: "A massive cloud has been lifted from over heads of residents."

The Champion reported in March that the ruling Labour group at West Lancs Council had voted to abandon the controversial Local Plan and go back to the drawing board. That decision led to the resignation of cabinet member for planning, Councillor John Hodson.

The Preferred Options document included the release of 590 hectares of Green Belt for employment purposes and the building of 16,000 new homes. Many residents responded to the consultation showing their disapproval.

Reacting to the latest announcement, the Conservative group said that "the hugely negative" response by residents to last year's public consultation exercise and their poor results in May's borough elections has "forced Labour to scrap their ridiculous proposals for a 30-year Local Plan."

The Tories claimed that Labour had spent £300k on gathering an information base, mainly "reports from expensive outside consultants, to try and justify their now defunct 30-year New Local Plan that sought to build 16,000 houses on some 1,600 acres of the Green Belt."

They added: "A new information base will now have to be commissioned at a cost of a further £300k."

Councillor David Westley, Conservative group leader, said: "This issue was perhaps the biggest in my 17 years as a borough councillor and the fight represented the largest campaign mounted by the Conservative group. It resulted in a real victory for common sense and local democracy.

"The public were overwhelmingly opposed to a new 30-year Local Plan that sought to build houses to meet Merseyside's housing need on 1,600 acres of prime agricultural land.

"Labour have finally admitted defeat, yet their folly has wasted £300k that could have been spent improving essential frontline services."

Cllr. Owens commented: "This is the step we have been calling for and so we warmly welcome it. This lifts a massive cloud from over the heads of tens of thousands of local residents. Residents had responded to the consultation in record numbers and they are the people I feel delighted for.

"The fundamental direction of the previous proposals was always misplaced. Starting the process again gives us a chance to ensure West Lancashire plays its part locally in addressing climate change and other environmental matters."

Councillor Ian Rigby from Bickerstaffe, whose ward faced 6,000 new homes and 190 hectares of land lost to large warehouses, added: "This is the best possible news for residents of my ward. Going back to the drawing board gives the council the opportunity to adopt a more inclusive approach to the process. I hope that they involve more fully the community and a greater number of councillors in drawing up proposals that suit our predominantly rural borough."

Asked for comment by the Champion, the borough council issued the following statement: "This matter will be discussed at the council's cabinet on the evening of Tuesday, September 10. The council will issue details of the decision made at that meeting after it has concluded."

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District's oldest Scout group has vacancies for new recruits

LEADERS of the 1st Skelmersdale Scout Group (17th Ormskirk) say there are still a few places left in its Beavers, Cubs and Scouts sections.

The group base is the Martial Arts Academy Centre in Wheatacre, Skelmersdale with the Beavers (aged six to seven-and-a-half years) meeting from 6 to 7pm on Tuesdays; Cubs (seven-and-a-half to 10-and-a-half) from 6 to 7.30pm on Wednesdays; and Scouts (10-and-a-half to 15) from 7.30 to 9.30pm on Fridays.

Scouting has been teaching skills for life since 1907.

Group Scout leader, Charlie Cavaghan, said: "The 1st Skelmersdale Scout group have been working in the community for 81 years and over that time we have seen many young people, both girls and boys, gain valuable experiences and try new adventures so learning about themselves and the world around them."

Training

The group was the first in Ormskirk district to appoint a female Scout leader in the early 1990s and a little later were the first group to accept girls into the movement.

All leaders are Criminal Record Bureau (CRB) checked and also undergo training to assist them while working with children and young people.

Mr Cavaghan added: "Children and young people - and their parents and carers - are more than welcome to come along and see the activities and sports we have to offer."

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Commissioner urges MPs to support call for fair share of police funding for county

Report by **Henry James**

Police and crime commssioner Clive Grunshaw outside the Houses of Parliament.

LANCASHIRE'S Police and Crime Commissioner, Clive Grunshaw, travelled to Westminster on Monday (September 9) for face-to-face talks with MPs from the county.

The purpose of the meeting was to urge the MPs to support Mr Grunshaw's call for Lancashire to receive its fair share of any proposed additional police funding and to pressure Prime Minister, Boris Johnson into 'giving back' the 750 officers lost from the county since 2010.

The briefing gave the county's parliamentary representatives the opportunity to hear about the challenges policing in Lancashire is facing and what a 'fair share' of the proposed 20,000 additional police officers pledged by Mr Johnson could mean for Lancashire Constabulary.

The force has lost 750 police officers since 2010 - the result of more than nine years of austerity - and has had to make savings of £84m with a further £18m to be found by 2023.

Mr Grunshaw said: "I was in Westminster to update MPs on my ongoing concerns around police funding and I am calling on Boris Johnson to give Lancashire its bobbies back.

"Despite the Prime Minister promising to recruit an extra 20,000 officers across the country, crucially he has yet to provide any details on the allocation of the recruitment funding. A fair proportion of these officers must be given to Lancashire and put back where they are needed.

"Lancashire has been one of the hardest hit by austerity and I'm calling on the PM to match our ambition to recruit the 750 police officers lost since 2010.

"Whilst I welcome a pledge of £750m to begin the process of recruiting, this commitment only extends to 6,000 officers until March 2021. We need assurances about how policing will be funded in the long term and one-year gifts will not suffice.

"Police funding cannot keep coming at the expense of hard-working Lancashire council tax payers. Permanent funding needs to come from government grant increases and not from further council tax increases.

"Together with MPs, I am standing up for Lancashire to ensure we receive a fair funding settlement which is sustainable and reflects the unique circumstances that Lancashire faces as a police service."

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Dr Tom Millar, Dr Alison Evans and Mr Martin Saleh from Aintree University Hospital in a simulated trauma bay in the CAVE at Edge Hill University.

University and hospital team up on pioneering research into improving medics' ability to deliver lifesaving ops

GROUNDBREAKING research is underway at Edge Hill University's Medical School to see if training medical professionals in a fully immersive, mixed reality environment can improve their ability to deliver lifesaving operations.

The Ormskirk university is working with its partner, Aintree University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust on the project to assess the impact of simulated environments on trainee anaesthetists.

Using Edge Hill's CAVE (Computer Augmented Virtual Environment - the UK's first super immersive 3D virtual environment), anaesthetists have been asked to perform a tricky procedure involving cutting open a manikin's neck to insert a tracheostomy tube in two different audio-visual scenarios.

Students from Edge Hill's Media and Film Department visited Aintree Hospital to film the two scenarios to be projected in the CAVE - a major trauma bay from the hospital's Urgent Care and Trauma Centre and a smaller anaesthetic room.

Under the guidance of consultant anaesthetis, Dr Peter Groom, the trainees' performance and how 'real' they felt the scenarios were will be compared across the two simulated environments.

The more challenging scenario sees trainees operate on a simulated emergency trauma patient within a major trauma bay, while the second typically less stressful scenario sees trainees working in the anaesthetic room treating a patient undergoing elective surgery.

Edge Hill's Professor of Medical Education, John Sandars, who is carrying out the research, said: "A major international priority for improving anaesthetic patient safety is managing acute airway difficulties.

"This involves anaesthetists obtaining emergency front of neck access in a procedure which we know many are reluctant to perform and trainees have concerns over their ability to perform.

"A major advantage of using a simulated environment is that training can be delivered in a controlled manner with different levels of challenge.

"Scenarios can be chosen that evoke different reactions and responses (related to technical and non-technical skills) that are like those evoked in the 'real' world.

"Technical skills are their ability to carry out the procedure effectively, whereas non-technical skills such as anxiety can affect performance.

"We know that trainees typically feel more comfortable performing this procedure in the bigger operating theatre environment rather than the smaller more claustrophobic theatre bay environment.

"By using the CAVE, we can create these two scenarios to give the trainees the practice they need and we can measure their technical and non-technical skills.

"Ultimately we want to identify the usefulness of using this simulation environment to create a sense of realism and immersion for training from the perspective of both the trainee and the trainer."

Aintree Hospital's consultant anaesthetist, Dr Peter Groom, who designed the simulations said: "Using simulation to rehearse the management of patients with an obstructed airway is the best way for anaesthetists to gain confidence in themselves to handle an emergency that may only happen once in their career.

"This emergency is time-critical, requiring fast and decisive action taken over a minute or so to save a patient's life.

"In-situ simulation is the best way to do this but is hard to arrange in the hospital because these environments are obviously in use all the time, with staff caring for real patients.

"The CAVE allows us to recreate the hospital's environment with stunning fidelity on the Edge Hill campus, it's unbelievably real to experience."

Professor Sandars and his team will use the qualitative data from this feasibility study to see if a wider pilot study can be carried out to access the role of simulation training of patient management in healthcare.

The research is supported by a £5,000 award from Edge Hill's Impact and Knowledge Exchange Fund.

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University shortlisted in two categories of HE sector 'Oscars'

EDGE Hill has been shortlisted in two categories in the prestigious Times Higher Education (THE) awards.

The Ormskirk university has been recognised in the Outstanding Library Team and Outstanding Estates Strategy categories in the awards - widely recognised as the Oscars of the higher education sector.

Staff at the library were recognised for excellence in customer service, particularly the re-shaping of front-line student support following the opening of the new £27m Catalyst building which houses the library, careers and student services.

The judges said the team have worked hard to build a new, more personal approach to library services within Catalyst, placing each student's needs and personal preferences at the heart of every decision".

Meanwhile, it was the Facilities Management team's "customer-focused culture and its positive contribution to the university's core business of attracting, recruiting and retaining students" which shone through for the judging panel in the second shortlisting.

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Edge Hill University's Catalyst building.

Catalyst was again highlighted as testament to the university's vision to create a "visually-inspiring and sustainable environment for everyone on campus".

Deputy vice-chancellor, Steve Igoe, said: "We are delighted that Edge Hill has been shortlisted in not just one, but two of this year's Times Higher Education awards categories.

"Here at the university we are very proud of the hard work carried out by our staff and of our stunning campus which boasts innovative architecture and outstanding facilities.

"Students are at the heart of what we do so to hear that we've been shortlisted because of our commitment to exceptional services and creating the best facilities for our students to learn in feels well deserved."

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Borough's planning committee objects to Parbold Hill landfill plan

Officer's report found proposed development "inappropriate within the Green Belt"

Report by **Henry James**

WEST Lancs Council's planning committee have objected to the Parbold Hill landfill proposals.

The controversial application had been called in for consideration at the committee by Parbold Conservative councillor Mrs May Blake.

The borough had been asked for their observations on the application which had been made by Lancashire County Council.

The proposals involve the land restoration and regrading of the quarry by the importation of inert material, associated highway works and construction of a public car park.

A total of 30 members of the public attended the meeting on Thursday, September 5.

The council's planning officer had recommended that councillors object.

At the meeting, Aughton & Downholland Conservative councillor David O'Toole proposed accepting the objection and the chair of the committee chair, Knowsley Labour councillor Gareth Dowling seconded.

All the councillors, except one, voted to accept the decision to object.

Lancashire County Council is expected to make a decision on the proposals in about two or three months time.

Del Ellis of campaign group Stop Parbold Hill Landfill, said: "To date around 1,000 residents along with parish councils in Parbold, Dalton, Newburgh, Appley Bridge with Wrightington, Hilldale and Lathom South have objected. Now the borough council has objected to the plan. The councils believe that the development is inappropriate in the Green Belt and that it will be detrimental to residential amenity or environment.

"In addition, Lancashire County Council highways department has objected on road safety grounds and the Environment Agency has objected to the application in its current form saying they do not have enough information to determine if the development can meet their requirements to prevent, minimise and/or control pollution.

"The West Lancs branch of Campaign for the Protection of Rural England has also objected."

The borough planning officer's report to councillors stated: "The proposed development is inappropriate development within the Green Belt which causes harm to openness and would cause urban sprawl by encroaching into the open countryside contrary to the purposes of the Green Belt.

"The council consider this Green Belt harm to be substantial and that the justification for works to be less than compelling as it appears to be carried out to reduce costs to the land owner rather upgrade the landform and landscape quality.

"In particular Phase 1 works contain little of public benefit. It is not considered that the substantial Green Belt harm is outweighed by any very special circumstances put forward by the applicant. WLBC consider that the development proposed would be detrimental to visual amenity and the character of the landscape."

A statement by Peter Dickinson Architects, acting as agents for the applicant, Mayfield Investment Ltd, read: "The applicant and land owner is working closely with all relevant authorities to ensure they are proposing works which are appropriate and necessary, and with the least level of impact."

West Lancs MP Rosie Cooper with Stop Parbold Hill Landfill campaigners at an earlier protest against the scheme.

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Opportunity to enjoy stunning views from church tower as part of heritage weekend

Report by **Kenny Parker**

MEMBERS of the public will once again be given the opportunity to enjoy the stunning views from the top of the tower of a historic West Lancashire church.

Christ Church Aughton will be celebrating its 25th heritage weekend from Friday to Sunday, September 20-22 with a series of events, including the opening of its iconic tower which offers views of the surrounding countryside as far as North Wales.

The celebrations begin on the Friday with a 'Girlie Night In', open to all women over 18.

This will be held in the Ministry Centre next to the church in Long lane from 7.45 to 10pm when participants will be able to share favourite memories and songs.

On the Saturday between 10am and 2pm the church's tower will be open to the public. Reached via 151 steps, the top of the tower provides views as far as Blackpool Tower, North Wales and beyond.

Admission is by timed tickets, given on arrival. Children over one metre tall or aged 10 years-plus are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult.

Between 2 and 3pm there will be a talk on the history of Christ Church and of the church in general in Victorian times.

And in the evening there will be a pop-up restaurant serving a three-course set meal priced at £20 with vegan and vegetarian options available.

Christ Church Aughton's iconic tower.

Booking is essential through the church office (tel. 01695 424530). For the full menu visit www.christchurchaughton.org.uk.

Rounding off the weekend on Sunday will be a Harvest Festival service starting at 10.45am when food donations will be received for the food bank.

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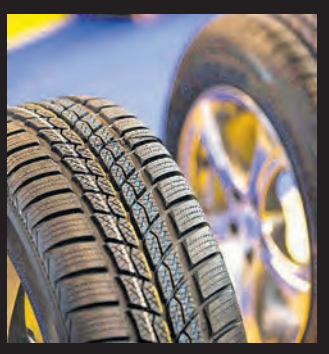

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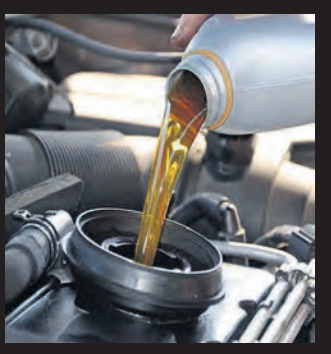

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Would-be post office robber jailed

A MAN who used an imitation firearm while attempting to rob post offices in Ormskirk and Burscough has been jailed for more than five years.

Adam Jones, 21, from Ormskirk, was sentenced at Preston Crown Court on Tuesday, September 3 after admitting to the offences.

The court heard that a man wearing dark clothing and brandishing what appeared to be a firearm, entered the post office in County Road, Ormskirk between 3 and 3.30pm on Friday, July 19 and demanded money but left the scene empty-handed.

At around 4.10pm the same day, a man matching the same description, also entered the post office in Square Lane, Burscough, demanding money.

Nothing was stolen and no-one injured during either incident.

Following enquiries Jones was quickly arrested by police on Flax Lane, Burscough. An imitation firearm, described as a revolver, was recovered nearby.

Dangerous

Jones was charged with two offences of attempted robbery and two offences of possessing an imitation firearm. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to five years and four months in prison.

Detective Sergeant Paul Mulrooney, of Ormskirk Police, said: "Adam Jones is clearly a dangerous offender whose actions that afternoon sparked fear and alarm in the community.

"His behaviour was callous and reckless, causing genuine fear for the staff members he targeted, who did not to know the firearm was a fake.

"Thankfully no-one was harmed and nothing stolen.

"This was a fast-moving investigation with support from a number of people, including victims who provided Jones' description to officers, as well as response officers who arrested him. I would like to place on record my thanks to them."

Adam Jones who has been jailed for five years and four months.

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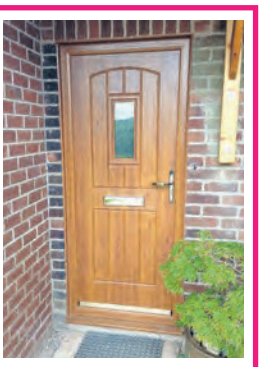

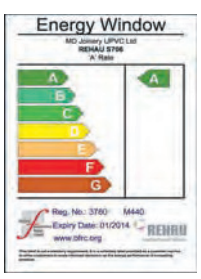

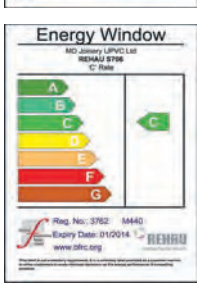

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Hospital open day a 'fantastic' success

OFFICIALS at Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust say the open day at Ormskirk Hospital on Saturday, September 7 was a "fantastic" success.

More than 400 visitors - including West Lancs MP Rosie Cooper and the borough's Deputy Mayor, Councillor Terry Aldridge - took the opportunity to look around the x-ray department, theatres and maternity, children's and orthopaedics wards.

Meanwhile a 'menopause pop-up' event before the main open day was attended by nearly 100 women, all keen to speak to consultant Dr Paula Briggs, the trust's menopause expert.

Blood bike volunteers, local fire and police officers also went along to talk about how the services work together.

Deputy Mayor of West Lancs, Councillor Terry Aldridge, gets the lowdown on keyhole surgery. Photo: Jason Roberts.

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Children were given the chance to try out basic life-saving skills and key-hole surgery, while the X-ray department had a long queue of toys needing their 'injuries' checked out before being taken to children's outpatients for a plaster cast and health check!

The trust's deputy chief executive, Therese Patten, said: "What a fantastic day! The sun shone, the crowds had a great time and I was incredibly proud of all our hard-working staff, of all who did an amazing job at showing off our hospital and the excellent services we offer.

"We had a recruitment event running alongside the open day, and managed to hire five registered nurses, which is great as we are still pushing to hire more than 100 extra nurses as soon as we can.

"Huge thanks to all that came along and all who worked to make it happen - can't wait to do it all again at Southport next year!"

Rosie Cooper said: "The open day was a great success with the trust continuing to improve its service and engagement with the community it serves.

"I was also asked to take part in the formal opening and rededication of the baby garden at the Ormskirk Hospital site.

"I am aware from my time as a hospital chair at the Women's in Liverpool just how upsetting and life-changing the loss of a baby through miscarriage, neonatal or postnatal can be.

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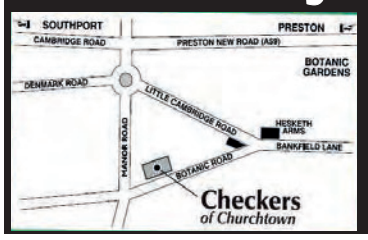

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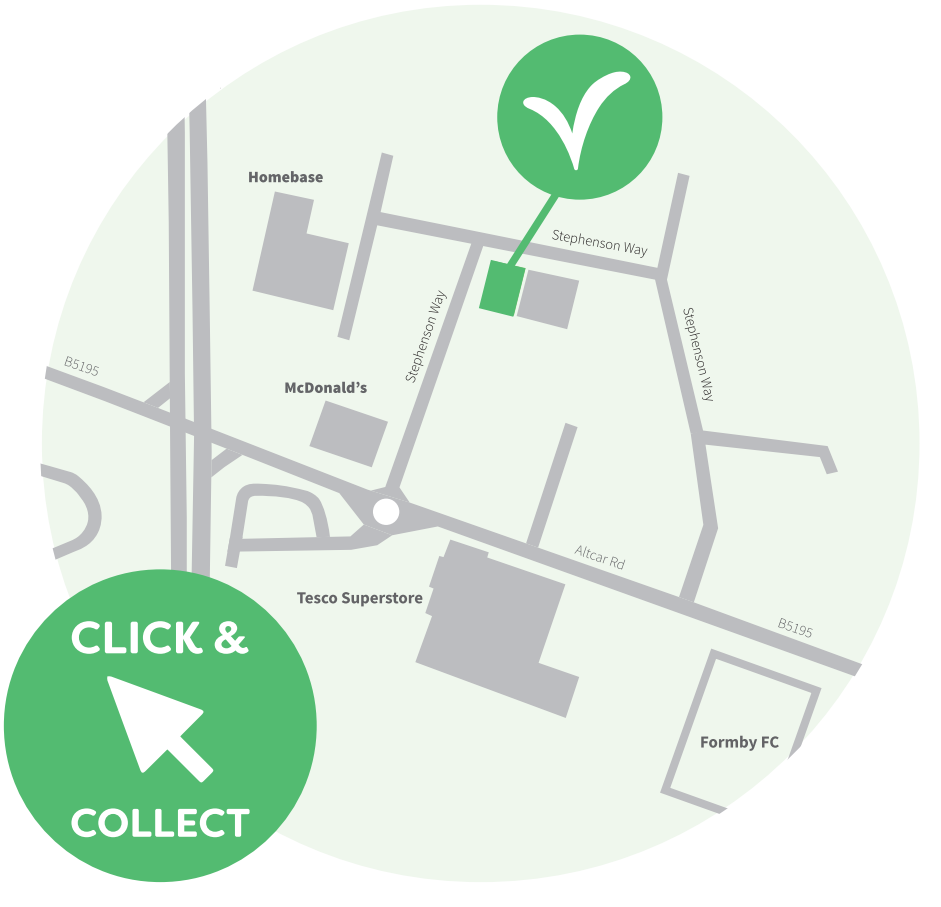

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‘Positive feedback’ after launch of new cancer support group

ORGANISERS of a new support group to help anyone in West Lancashire affected by cancer have reported ‘a huge amount of positive feedback’ following its inaugural meeting.

The Macmillan Aughton Cancer Support Group, at Christ Church Ministry Centre in Long Lane, will now meet on the second Friday of every month from 9.30am to 11.30am.

A total of 21 people attended the group’s launch in August to find out how the Macmillan Information & Support Service in West Lancs can support anyone affected by cancer, either directly or as a carer, colleague, family member or friend.

Maggi Bradley, practice nurse from Aughton Surgery, attended the first session and will be a key member of the group. She will be on hand at future meetings to answer GP-related questions.

Macmillan’s Information and Support Service Assistant in West Lancs, Jodie Taylor, said: “Our first Aughton Cancer Support Group was really well attended, and the session received a huge amount of positive feedback. This group will be key in helping to bridge the gap for people who are not able to attend the Macmillan Information & Support Centre in Skelmersdale.”

Topics discussed on the day included the national cancer pathway, and what people should expect from health services, and an overview of Macmillan’s work within the community and how they support people living with and beyond cancer.

A variety of guest speakers are planned for future meetings. The North West Ambulance Service Specialist Community Paramedic and a representative of West Lancashire’s ‘Move More’ programme will attend the September meeting providing an opportunity to sign up.

Move More helps people with a diagnosis of cancer to find effective ways to stay active, no matter where they are on their cancer journey, including those who have since completed treatment.

Pictured at the launch are Jodie Taylor, Maggi Bradley and Caroline Flynn, Macmillan’s Information and Support Service Manager.

There are also plans to deliver wellbeing courses, including mindfulness and the Coventry University/Macmillan HOPE (Help Overcome Problems Effectively) programme, a free six-week course which enables people who have or have had cancer to get on with their lives.

The service also runs other groups including the Patient Support Group on the first Monday of every month and the Carers Support Group on the second Tuesday of every month, both from 1.30 to 3pm at the Macmillan Information & Support Centre, Concourse Shopping Centre, Skelmersdale

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Charity makes £1,750 donation to soup kitchen

A CHARITY set up to help alleviate poverty has donated £1,750 to Southport Soup Kitchen to help volunteers continue their work in supporting the homeless.

Trustee of the Doreen Greenlees Discretionary Will Trust, Michael Prendergast of Dickinson Parker Hill Solicitors in Ormskirk, visited the soup kitchen to see for himself the work it does.

Michael said: "One of the primary reasons the Doreen Greenlees Discretionary Will Trust was set up was to alleviate poverty in the local area and the fantastic work being done by the volunteers at Southport Soup Kitchen is something the charity is keen to support.

"Since April 2015, the trust has awarded £8,250 to Southport Soup Kitchen and we are pleased to see the funds being put to such good use."

Established in May 2002, Southport Soup Kitchen has been helping those in need.

Maria Tumons from the kitchen said: "We are delighted to receive the support of another local charity and the funds we receive will go directly to helping those in need in the local area."

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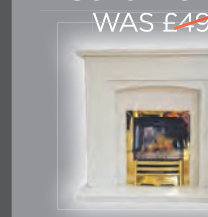

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Lancashire's Police and Crime Commissioner, Clive Grunshaw, and his deputy Chris Webb at the launch of the 'Backing Lancashire' campaign.

Police chief says figures show force is 'Backing Lancashire'

Report by **Kenny Parker**

LANCASHIRE'S Police and Crime Commissioner says he has re-affirmed his commitment to his 'Backing Lancashire' campaign after the release of figures showing that £62m of the police budget has been invested into the county through procurement since 2017.

Clive Grunshaw says that this means that around 54% of all money spent by the force through suppliers has been put back into Lancashire businesses and people. For the two years prior to 2017, the investment in the county was £30.5m.

The commissioner's Social Value Policy was brought in during 2017 with support from Lancashire Constabulary to ensure that all procurement and commissioning activity maximises social, economic and environmental benefit.

And he says the policy has had an impact on contracts of a range of value, from the development of the new West Division Headquarters in Blackpool to the delivery of hay to the police mounted division.

As well as monetary value, it takes into account other elements such as location, environmental factors, whether an organisation pays the real Living Wage and if the contract will create or sustain jobs and apprenticeships in the county.

Benefits

The commissioner says the "Backing Lancashire' campaign aims to highlight the benefits of this investment into the county and encourage other businesses and organisations to commit to doing the same wherever possible.

Mr Grunshaw said: "This amount of investment back into the people and businesses of our county highlights the power that putting Lancashire first wherever possible when it comes to spending on good or services can have and is why I work closely with Lancashire Constabulary to ensure we are 'Backing Lancashire' while still delivering value for money.

"Creating safe and confident communities is a key priority in my Police and Crime Plan and thats why my 'Backing Lancashire' campaign supports the work that the force does to put money back into the county by always taking into account the social value of any contract.

"From the West Division Headquarters new-build through all of our procurement at every value, I'm really pleased that my office and Lancashire Constabulary are playing such a key role, providing opportunities for local people."

Villagers oppose mushroom firm's expansion scheme

Report by **Kenny Parker**

Residents say proposed extension would be 'more like factory than a farm'

View of the area which Smithy Mushrooms wants to expand onto.

PLANS by a mushroom grower to expand its business in Scarisbrick by building a new farm are being opposed by the village's parish council.

Family firm Smithy Mushrooms, based on Smithy Lane, is a leading producer of exotic mushrooms in the UK.

It wants to create a site on nearby Bungalow Farm in Heatons Bridge Road, which it says will create 70 jobs.

However, local residents claim the farm would be "more like a factory" and that the rural roads in the area will not be able to cope with any more lorries.

More than 60 residents attended a Scarisbrick Parish Council meeting about the proposals.

Vicky Murphy, who was among those who attended the meeting, said: "The prevailing concern voiced was over the traffic on the rural roads. The number of HGVs using nearby roads is already ridiculous.

"Small lanes are not meant for larger vehicles as they must mount what little pavement there currently is."

She said many people feared the site would become "more like a factory than a farm."

Smithy Mushrooms director, John Dorrian, defended the plans saying: "In order to meet customer demand, it is essential that we acquire a new purpose- built farm specifically for the growing of exotic mushrooms.

"This opportunity would be more sustainable and would provide an additional 70 local jobs, as well as securing the current full-time jobs."

He added that "significant technical work has been undertaken" regarding transport, flood risk, ecology and landscape to ensure that the proposals are sustainable."

And he added that Smithy Mushrooms have actively engaged with West Lancashire Council through pre-application advice and with community stakeholders and residents, including holding a public exhibition at Scarisbrick Village Hall in June to discuss the proposals and obtain the local community's views.

Jeweller launches Clock Tower brooch to mark anniversary

AN Ormskirk-based jeweller is marking its 18th anniversary of trading in the town with a specially-created piece featuring a local landmark.

*Josephs Jewellers in Burscough Street, have launched a limited edition Clock Tower silver brooch **(right)** created by their in-house goldsmith and owner Sean Gibney, who spent many hours perfecting the design.*

The company wanted to highlight their success in their home town by creating an item of jewellery that would be accessible to many people but also exclusive to and having a special link to Ormskirk.

Sean Gibney said: "The Clock Tower is something we see not only as an Ormskirk icon but as a reference to people visiting from out of town or people who don't where we are.

"We also have a great view of the tower every day and a heartwarming connection with it as many of our customers have their own love stories of first meeting there.

"We considered many design ideas in the development of the brooch and are very proud to launch the final design."

The 18th anniversary is also significant as Sean's late brother Joseph, who established the business, began his jewellery apprenticeship when he was 18 years old.

Ormskirk Hospital - plans have been floated to create a new hospital between Southport and Ormskirk

'Nothing decided yet' on plans to build new hospital

by **Danielle Thompson**

HEALTH chiefs say 'nothing has been decided' on plans to potentially reconfigure services at Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust.

In July 2018, the Champion reported that a new hospital could be built between Southport and Ormskirk as part of radical plans to improve health services floated by local NHS trust chiefs.

Another option put forward was to centralise most services at one 'hot' site with the other being used as a 'cold' site for non-urgent and specialised services.

The independent report by Northern England Clinical Senate, commissioned by the trust, suggested that a new purpose-built hospital with good road links to Ormskirk and Southport would be 'ideal but unlikely to receive funding in the current financial climate.'

Sefton councillor John Pugh contacted chiefs at the trust to ask for an update on plans. He was told by Bill McCarthy, North West regional director for NHS England and NHS Improvement, that he had been reassured by the trust that it is looking at a number of different ways in which they can improve hospital services for local people and how they might be run in the future.

He said: "I have been assured that no decisions have been made at this point, beyond the fact the trust board agrees it needs to further invest in both hospitals at Southport and Ormskirk.

"The trust's chief executive, Silas Nicholls, wrote to stakeholders in July 2018 outlining ways in which services could be organised in the future.

"This ranged from keeping them as they are, redeveloping and improving the hospitals at both Southport and Ormskirk, through to making the case for a new hospital.

"As the letter makes clear, the trust has since moved on to fleshing out the complementary clinical scenarios connected to those options.

"In reality, the trust is very much at the beginning of this process. Again, it is well worth reiterating that nothing has been decided at this point, and the local NHS will absolutely be asking for input from across the community and beyond for their opinions when there are firmer proposals to be considered."

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New support service to provide care at home

Virgin says initiative will help reduce hospital admissions and ease pressure on accident and emergency teams

Michelle Lee.

VIRGIN Care says patients at risk of being admitted to hospital in West Lancashire will benefit from a new service providing care to them in their own homes.

The short intensive support service (SISS), run by Virgin Care in partnership with West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), will launch on Tuesday, October 1.

The company says it will help make a difference to frail, older people and those with long-term conditions who would prefer to be treated at home in a familiar environment rather than being taken in to hospital and also help to reduce pressure on accident and emergency teams.

Ambulance staff, GPs and other healthcare professionals will be able to refer patients to the multi-disciplinary SISS team, which is led by advanced nurse practitioners and includes physiotherapy, occupational therapy and support work staff.

The team will provide care to a patient at home for up to 72 hours, up to six times a day, helping to stabilise their condition and avoid an emergency admission to hospital.

SISS will be fully integrated with other health, social care and voluntary sector services to ensure a seamless package of care for each patient during and after the 72 hours; supporting them in a fast recovery and in continuing to live independently.

Michelle Lee, managing director of Virgin Care in West Lancashire, said: "We are delighted to be working with the CCG to continue to develop services that make a real difference to people in West Lancashire. We will also be working closely with ambulance staff, GPs and other healthcare professionals to identify those at most risk of admission to hospital and those in need of this new service. We look forward to seeing the benefits this can bring."

Claire Heneghan, chief nurse and board member of NHS West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), added: "Our aim is to develop and enhance community and local walk-in and out of hours' services, helping to prevent avoidable acute hospital attendance, relieving pressure on such a vital resource.

"When the CCG created our vision for joined-up care, we promised our community truly integrated care and the new service is a great example of that vision. We will monitor the effectiveness of this service and listen to patient feedback as the service is implemented."

Charity to offer free sessions on benefits available and how to claim

A LOCAL charity that provides expert advice in welfare rights is set to launch a short course offering free sessions to help West Lancs residents build their understanding of what benefits are available and how they can claim.

Organised by South West Lancashire Independent Community Advice Network (SWLICAN) the Know Your Rights course will be held on the third Wednesday of each month starting on September 25 at the Evermoor Hub, Birleywood, Skelmersdale .

Sessions will run from 11am to 2.30pm and will include lunch and refreshments, plus additional mentoring support where needed.

The course will cover a wide range of benefits such as Personal Independence Payment (PIP), Disability Living Allowance (DLA) and Employment and Support Allowance (ESA).

It is suitable for carers, support staff, community group representatives who signpost and help members get the right help, volunteers and those considering a career in welfare rights advice and for individuals who want more information for themselves and their families.

Senior adviser at SWLICAN, Jimmy McDermott, said: " We expect places to fill up quickly, so please get in touch early to avoid disappointment".

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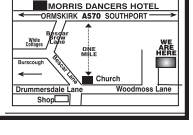

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Our native red squirrels cannot survive if the grey 'invaders' are not controlled

I READ with dismay the one-sided report (Champion, September 4) concerning the protest by campaigners over grey squirrel control.

That red squirrels can still be found across Northern Merseyside and West Lancashire is largely due to the hard work by teams of conservation organisations, dedicated volunteers and individuals households in protecting the red squirrels and their environment.

I am saddened that this hard work could be put at risk based upon easily disprovable misinformation

Red squirrels were, until as recently as the 1990s, the squirrel in West Lancashire and North Merseyside and they were a common site in parks and gardens. They have survived the urbanisation of the area and the wholesale slaughter by previous generations and they would be thriving across the whole region now were it not for the threat posed by the encroachment of the imported American grey squirrel and the squirrel pox carried by them.

That they are still thriving in Formby, Freshfield and Ainsdale, and expanding ever further towards places like Lydiate, is due in part to the remarkable resilience of these animals and the hard work of individuals and conservation organisations.

This also exposes the erroneous claims that reds are hampered by the loss of habitat, as it is well established that red squirrels can thrive in urban and suburban environments, as well as broadleaf and pine forests .

The sad truth is that native red squirrel cannot survive where grey squirrels dominate the food supply and pass on a deadly virus. This is another established fact that those same protesters chose to ignore.

We cannot draw lines across the countryside and expect greys and reds not to move across them, and we cannot expect red squirrels to evolve resistance when the disease is invariably fatal.

If grey squirrels are not controlled in North Merseyside and West Lancashire, our reds will become extinct within a few years.

I would hope that anyone who values wildlife and the natural world feels the same sense of obligation as I do, to support the native red squirrel as it fights for its survival again in yet another battle against human indifference and misinformation.

Peter Muldoon, Ainsdale.

Council need to do something about hopeless situation with brown bin collection service

I AGREE entirely with Michael Barker (Letters, August 28) about the absolutely hopeless situation we face regarding the delay in collecting the brown bin even though payment has been made retrospectively.

Obviously it takes our council weeks to rearrange collections whilst normal people can make arrangements to pay within seconds of seeing the stickers on the bins.

I frequently walk the grandchildren to St Teresa's School and find it increasingly difficult to avoid the nettles along Dingle Road and also when walking to the cemetery at Roby Mill.

No doubt they will be cleared before the children go back to school after the holidays (not sure which year they will eventually get round to doing something about it).

Just what do we pay rates for?

Time to privatise the council? At least the employees would understand the real world.

However, please do not sell out to Virgin 'don't care'.

Maurice Baxter, by email.

This extension of Blue Badge scheme will just make it easier to abuse

I WOULD like to object to the extension of the Blue Badge scheme to people with mental health problems.

The present scheme which allows people with physical problems is already abused and the extension to people with mental health problems will make it even easier to abuse.

One of the results of this will be a further denial of income to local authorities.

It is typical of the Government's obsession with giving in to the motorist lobby and is in contrast to them draging their feet on the problem of parking on pavements.

This is another cynical attempt to land other organisations with the loss of income, such as passing to the BBC TV free licencses and reducing rents on social housing.

In the latter case the Government saves money on housing benefits local authorities lose money

J. M. Berry, Aughton.

Move to stop erecting stalls will lead to demise of market

RE: The council's decision to stop erecting the stalls for Thursday and Saturday markets, the reason given is to bring it in line with other market towns.

Really?

I think the real reason behind this is because once their grand plan for the new leisure centre on Coronation Park is up and running there will be nowhere for the frames to be stored.

This decision will see the demise of Ormskirk Market and will have a negative effect on the town itself.

B. A., Ormskirk, details supplied.

Drop us a line

IF you've got a view on a topic of local or national interest which you would like to share with the readers of the Champion, why not drop us a line?

Letters can be posted or emailed to the respective addresses listed at the top of this page. They should be concise, preferably no more than 350 words, and include the sender's name, address and contact details, although not necessarily for publication.

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The editor reserves the right to edit all items submitted for favour of publication.

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PICTURE of the week

READER Phil McDonough from Aughton submitted this study of a kingfisher, which he tells us is a regular visitor to one of his favourite sites, Mere Sands Wood nature reserve at Rufford.

If you would like to submit a photo to be considered for our Picture of the Week slot, you can simply email it to us at editorial@champnews.com.

Please remember to include your name, the area where you live and brief captions details.

Although we cannot publish all the photos we receive, we do acknowledge and appreciate your contributions, thank you.

Here's wishing Jim many more years of doggy companionship

MY wife and I always enjoy reading Jim Sharpe's column in the Champion, especially the exploits of Tina and Cinders.

We too have two dogs, Shetland sheepdogs Danny (10) and Paddy (8), both of whom are sable and white and bear a good resemblance to the picture at the head of Jim's column.

The recent column about 'playing God' with your pet struck a chord with us as recently we decided to have Paddy neutered (a nicer word than castrated).

This will hopefully calm him down a bit and reduce some of his male dominant and territorial beahviour, both trying it on with Danny and with other dogs in the street.

The signs so far, after a couple of weeks, are some change but a way to go yet.

The vet has told us that it takes a couple of months for his hormones to fully reduce.

We do hope Tina's health continues to improve and together with Cinders, you can have many more years of love and companionship from your special friends who have obviously found themselves the perfect billet.

Nick Humphries.

What happened to councillors serving community without thought of payment?

I NOTE that councillors' allowances range from a few thousand pounds a year to £20,000-plus.

I remember when local councillors were local shopkeepers and businesspeople who wished to give back to the local area to benefit local people without a thought to payment.

In the meantime the gutter weeds and pavements in Springfield Road, and from what I see via letters to this paper, in a lot of other areas of Aughton, are still unpassable.

David Palin, Aughton.

The meat and dairy industry is planet's biggest polluter

IN response to the letter by 'Ex-driver' (September 4) headed 'It's time to put survival of the planet above worship of the car.'

The writer goes on to say: "This means that we must change the ways we live." Yes, indeed we must!

But I would like to confirm that the writer of this letter is a vegan, as strangely it wasn't mentioned. Or do they support the biggest polluter on the planet - the meat and dairy industry - three times a day?

Julie Hilton, by email.

Chancellor's nonsense tale worthy of Carroll

I AM pleased that yesterday (September 4) the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sajid Javid, announced the end of austerity.

In the light of this I look forward to the closing of food banks as they will no longer be necessary.

I also look forward to the Foreign Secretary announcing the end of war and the Home Secretary announcing the end of crime!

Alice, Wonderland, details supplied.

Football pitches are a dangerous disgrace

MY husband and I went to watch our grandson play football in the Skelmersdale league today and were stressed by the state of the pitches. They were all a disgrace.

How one of the children (and there are 100s of young boys and girls there) didn't break an ankle or a leg I'll never know.

Why aren't they mowed in time for the Sunday league? I know money is tight at the moment but if the council are letting us rent their pitches then surely they have a responsibility to keep them playable?

Yvonne Macdonald, by email.

On your marks, get set for charity fun run in aid of cystic fibrosis...

ENTRIES are now open for the annual Cystic Fibrosis 3K Charity Fun Run to be held at Edge Hill University on Sunday, October 13, starting at 10.30am.

The fun-filled event, with runners, joggers, walkers and pram-pushers all tackling the three-kilometre course, takes place off road-on the university's trim trail.

All finishers will receive a medal from the Mayor of West Lancashire, Councillor Gaynar Owen, who will also start the run.

There will also be entertainment, games and refreshments on the day and the event is open to all ages with proceeds in aid of the Cystic Fibrosis Trust, Ormskirk & District Branch.

Cystic fibrosis is a chronic condition which affects mostly the lungs but also the pancreas, liver, kidneys, and intestine. All money raised from the fun run will go towards research into a cure for the genetic disorder.

Entries can be made online at www.book-itzone.com/CFOrmskirk3KFunRun/.

'Outstanding' student wins national award

EDGE Hill geology with physical geography student Amanda Hughes has received an Institute of Quarrying National Student Award.

The 20-year-old from Ormskirk was nominated by her tutor, Dr Joaquin Cortes, as the best performing second-year student on her course.

Dr Cortes said: "I have been teaching geology for more than 15 years in the UK, USA and South America and in my career, I have met only a few students of Amanda's calibre.

"When I was contacted by the Institute of Quarrying to nominate an appropriate recipient for their national student award, I did not hesitate to nominate her.

"When she started studying with us it quickly became clear that she was someone outstanding. And from a personal point of view, she is also pleasant, amicable, compassionate and kind, making her respected and esteemed by her classmates."

Amanda receives a certificate of achievement and two years' free student membership and magazine subscription to the Institute of Quarrying. Other benefits include the opportunity of getting invited to networking events and professional help with career development.

'Outstanding' student Amanda Hughes on a field trip to Tenerife.

She said: "I feel honoured and extremely grateful for the nomination and for the recognition of my hard work over the past year.

"And I'm extremely grateful to the university's geography and geology department for their continued support and encouragement."

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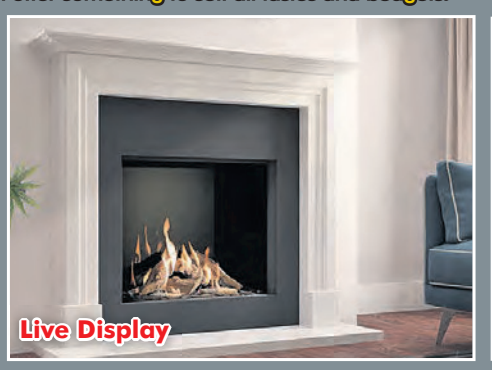

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Ormskirk Hospital - volunteers are wanted to help with annual inspections of patient services there and at Southport Hospital.

Volunteers wanted to help with hospitals' annual assessments

SOUTHPORT and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust is seeking to recruit volunteers to help with their annual inspections of patient services at both hospitals.

The PLACE (Patient-Led Assessments of the Care Environment) inspections involve local people assessing the hospital environments and how they support clinical care.

They also assess things such as the privacy and dignity given to patients, food, cleanliness, building maintenance and the environment supports the care of people with dementia.

Corporate matron Claire Beck said: "A good environment matters to patients just as much as the clinical care they receive.

"That's why having fresh pairs of eyes take a look is so important to helping us make improvements to them."

Volunteers must be aged 18 years or older and need to be available for a half-day's training ahead of the PLACE assessments.

These will take place over two days at both hospitals on the second or third week of October.

Any expenses incurred are covered including parking, lunch and refreshments.

Anyone intersted in taking part is asked to email Facilities Manager Sue Pearson at sue.pearson2@nhs.net or write to her at Southport and Formby District General Hospital, Town Lane, Kew, Southport, Merseyside, PR8 6PN, by Friday, September 27.

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Rail buff Jon all fired up for small screen appearance

Train lover who started as a teenage volunteer on Burscough farm miniature railway to feature in TV documentary

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

A RAIL enthusiast who first took up the hobby as a volunteer with the Windmill Farm miniature railway in Burscough will feature in a new TV documentary following the transportation of a steam locomotive ahead of its appearance hauling the Polar Express.

Jon Kerr, who works as a signal support technician for Network Rail, will be featured in episode five of the factual series *Train Truckers* on UKTV's Yesterday channel on Thursday, September 26.

The episode will see a locomotive travel from its base at Cheddleton on the Churnet Valley Railway to the Telford Steam Railway, where it will haul a re-creation of the 'Polar Express Specials' throughout December.

A qualified locomotive fireman, 31-year-old Jon, who splits his time between hometown Southport and Somerset, is part of the team who help maintain and operate the locomotive.

High point

The film crew joined him for a day on the footplate at Churnet Valley Railway as he prepared the locomotive for a day's services before taking shots from inside the cab alongside driver, Howard Robinson.

Jon started volunteering at Windmill Farm Railway in Fish Lane, Burscough at the age of 14 and railways became a major part of his life, reaching a high point in March this year when he was selected to fire the legendary *Flying Scotsman* during its visit to the Swanage Railway in Dorset where he also volunteers.

After an initial nine-month work experience placing with Merseyrail Electrics in 2006, he went on to forge a career within the rail industry and is now employed as a signal support technician for Network Rail, covering signalling renewal projects in the North-West.

Jon on the Flying Scotsman.

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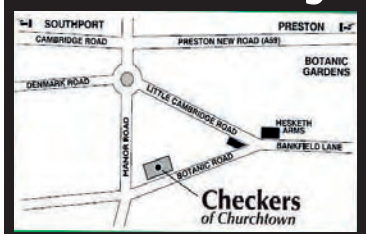

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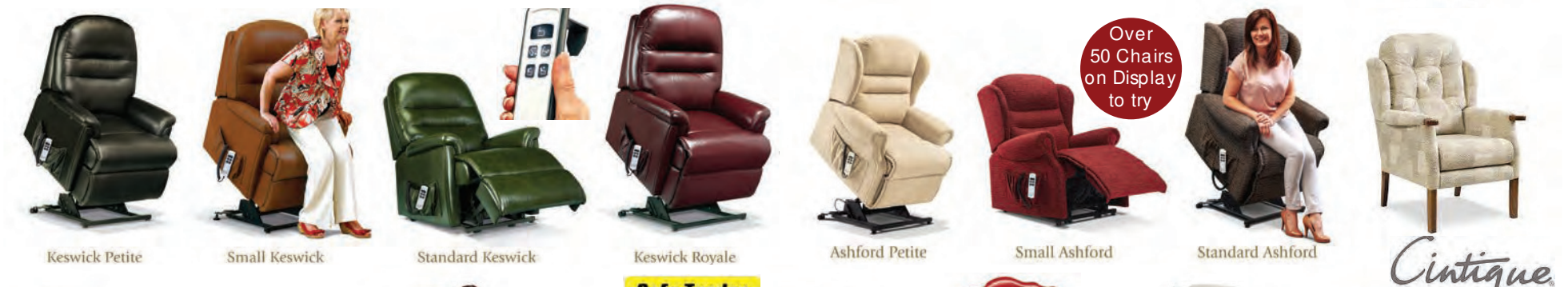

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‘Don’t suffer in silence’ message to people experiencing mental health issues

TO mark World Suicide Prevention Day this week (September 10) health professionals from Lancashire Care are encouraging people experiencing difficulties with mental health to seek support.

According to figures issued by the Office for National Statistics for 2018, the suicide rate in the UK is at its highest in 16 years with the number raising for the first time since 2013.

With this in mind, Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust’s Wellbeing and Mental Health Helpline and Mindsmatter Talking Therapy Service is encouraging people experiencing low mood or distress to get in touch.

The trust’s Wellbeing and Mental Health Helpline provides a listening ear for people across Lancashire who may be feeling lonely, stressed or experiencing mental health problems and thoughts of suicide.

The helpline operators offer emotional support by using listening skills to enable people to make their own choices about how their health care needs may be met. If a caller rings and they are having feelings of suicide, staff will intervene and get appropriate help.

The Wellbeing and Mental Health Helpline is also rolling out a texting service across Lancashire that will provide support to people who find it difficult talking on the phone by providing emotional support via text messages. This is presently being rolled out in the Fylde Coast area and will eventually cover the whole of Lancashire.

The helpline is open Monday to Friday 7pm to 11pm and Saturday and Sunday 12 midday to 12 midnight. For more information about the Wellbeing and Mental Health Helpline, call them on 0800 915 4640 or visit www.lancashirecare.nhs.uk/Mental-Health-Helpline.

The texting service can be contacted by texting HELLO to 07860 022 846. Lines are open Monday to Friday 7 to 11pm and Saturday and Sunday noon to Midnight. For more information visit www.lancashirecare.nhs.uk/texting-service.

The West Tower team celebrating their latest award.

Towering achievement!

Aughton wedding venue voted best in county for ninth year in succession

A 19th-century former country house in West Lancashire has been voted as the best wedding venue in the county in a regional awards - for an incredible ninth year in a row!

The West Tower, nestled in eight acres of grounds in Aughton, was awarded the Best Wedding Venue in Lancashire at the recent County Brides North West Wedding Awards.

Finalists were voted for by previous brides and grooms who were married in the past two years.

More than 7,500 votes were counted on the evening to celebrate the leading wedding suppliers in the North West, including venues, florists and photographers.

Couples choosing West Tower have the option of getting married either outside in the secluded garden or inside in the elegant ballroom while accommodating up to 143 daytime and 250 evening guests.

The venue also recently added nine stable rooms to increase the total number of bedrooms to 27.

General manager, Stephanie Beqo, said: “The team are passionate about weddings, with everyone dedicated to ensuring that each happy couple has the day of their dreams. They are all very proud to work at West Tower and it certainly shows with the comments and recommendations they receive. They are all absolutely delighted to have received this award for their customer service once again.

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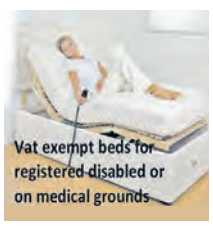

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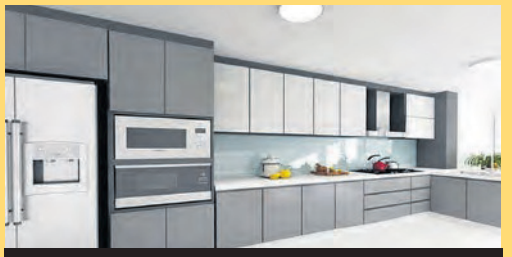

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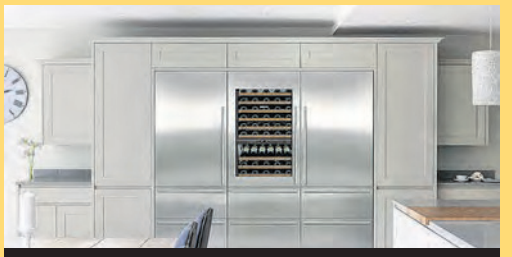

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OWL claims delays to borough weedkilling programme risk damaging highways

Report by **Kenny Parker**

Pictures of roadside weeds taken by Our West Lancashire.

INDEPENDENT political group Our West Lancashire says that delays spraying weedkiller have led to increased damage to the borough's highways.

After OWL leader, Councillor Adrian Owens, tabled a question at the last borough council meeting about the late weed-spraying this year, council chiefs admitted there had been a delay but said it was due to the need to re-tender the contract.

Cllr. Owens said: "Annual plants form an important part of our biodiversity in our local countryside, including highway verges. However, when they grow in road channels, around traffic islands and between paving, they can cause damage to the structure and affect normal water flow potentially causing further damage.

"They also give our borough an uncared-for appearance.

"This delay in tackling weeds in paved areas and on our road surfaces is concerning as the risk of damage to the highway increases. The council say that the second spray should now be taking place but we are still getting reports of areas where the first spray hasn't been completed, so there appears to be further delay. The service this year hasn't been good enough and to blame the delays on having to re-tender the contract begs further questions about the planning and organisation of this service."

A council spokesperson said: "West Lancashire Borough Council takes the appearance of the borough very seriously and the Council Plan shows that the authority is ambitious for West Lancashire to have a good-quality, clean environment.

"The borough council carries out weed spraying on West Lancashire's public highways on behalf of Lancashire County Council, the highways authority. The agreement specifies this work is to be undertaken in May/June and August/September.

"This year the first application was slightly delayed due to our weed contract having to be re-tendered. The first application began in the week commencing July 15 with the second spray being undertaken in August/September as planned.

"It should be noted that inclement weather conditions can cause delays to the programme delivery.

"The mechanical sweeping will be undertaken as scheduled to follow the weed spraying to remove dead weeds and detritus."

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Visit the web site www.wwt.org.uk/martinmere to find out what's on the reserve at the moment as well as all the upcoming events

County council chief says 'good progress' has been made on cutting deficit - despite uncertainty over funding

MEMBERS of Lancashire County Council's cabinet have been updated about the authority's financial position.

The report to the cabinet presents a forecast underspend position of £0.506m for 2019/20 following the first quarter of the financial year, which represents 0.06 per cent of the agreed budget of £802m.

However, it also provides an updated medium term financial strategy, but highlights the uncertainties surrounding future funding for local government which have made it difficult to forecast what will happen in the medium to long term.

Despite these challenges, the authority says a revised forecast has been prepared which anticipates the financial gap for 2020/21 has reduced to £5.895m. This figure has been based on assumptions that still need to be confirmed, but at this stage are the best estimates available.

In the longer term the forecast gap by 2022/23 is expected to increase by £17.429m to £64.755m, primarily due to increased pay costs and service demand pressures, such as transport costs and increased children's social care requirements.

At this stage because of the level of uncertainty, council chiefs say it has not been possible to meaningfully extend the forecast into 2023/24. The report was also published prior to the spending review on September 4 which set out spending plans for the 2020/21 financial year only, with a multi-year spending review to follow in 2020.

The review announced a number of changes to departmental spending levels, including additional funding for adult social care, the potential impact of which on medium-term financial strategy position is being analysed and changes will be reflected when the updated position is next reported to cabinet later in the financial year.

Council leader, Councillor Geoff Driver, said: "There is currently an unprecedented amount of uncertainty relating to future funding across local government which has made it difficult to forecast our long-term position. However good progress has already been made in cutting the £200m deficit, helping us to balance our books.

""Like all councils we face significant financial pressures but it is our aim to make sure the council is on a stable footing, not just now but into the future."

County Councillor Geoff Driver.

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Sorry, my crafty plan was foiled by village post office closure...

OK, ok, - yes I have done it again! If you missed the *Dog* column last week it was all - well, very nearly all - my own fault.

Once again you see I have been away exploring the wonders of the Norfolk and Suffolk Broads, and again I got back home too late to write an article for last week's paper.

I do though have an explanation. You see, as I have explained before, I depend on the generosity of Birkenhead YMCA to transport me and my 'crew' of dogs Tina and Cinders to and from my Norfolk boatyard and it was only after I had already begun my holiday on my lovely old wooden motor cruiser, *Manxman* that I learned that because their Ford Galaxy would not be available on the date we had agreed that I realised I would not be home early enough.

But I thought up a crafty plan hopefully to keep my editor and readers happy. My big idea was to write (long hand) a carefully-crafted 'Letter from Norfolk', telling of my nautical adventures and post it to Southport in time for last week's edition.

As the poet wrote though 'The best laid schemes o' mice an' men, Gang aft agley' and this one 'ganged' more than most.

You see, an important part of my strategy hung on the riverside village of Reedham and its post office. My plan was to moor at Reedham on the Monday where I could buy an envelope and ensure that a suitable quantity of stamps were stuck on to secure delivery before the following Friday. Then, sit down, write the piece, post it at the post office and Bob's your uncle!

What could possibly go wrong? Well, the whole plan started immediately to unravel when I discovered that the village post office (which used to double as a small sort of general store) had transformed itself into 'Ye Olde Tea Room' - which also sold sweets, ice cream and silly hats - but not envelopes, stamps or advice on postage. The postbox outside was still useable, but that was about all.

"Oh bother"(or something to that effect) I thought. Too late by then to travel further up river that day and anyway I had no clear idea about where an operative post office (or stationers) could be found anywhere near.

So I consoled myself with some excellent fish and chips and considered my next strategy, which came to an abrupt end with my failure to locate a post office the following day which meant anything I did would now reach the editorial office too late. In fact, the closure of small POs seems endemic in Norfolk, as it is even here in rapidly-expanding Maghull for that matter.

And in giving this long-winded explanation of my failure I have used a goodly proportion of the space my 'Letter from 'Norfolk' should have taken too. Bother!

In fact, the dogs and I had a splendid break and judging from what I have heard and the weather forecasts, my fortnight or more of genuinely hot and sunny days was not shared with folk in the North West.

Manxman was admired at the wooden boat show we attended and drew many very complimentary comments from other holidaymakers. And Tina and Cinders too did their part in starting many happy chats with fellow boatists with dogs.

Many people take cruising holidays on the Broads because they can't bear to be parted from their canine chums with the result that there genuinely seems to be far more dogs than children on the boats, even during the school summer break.

I met many old friends and made several more and only once succumbed to 'river rage' when one idiot tried to leave his mooring with a strong tide and scraped his (fortunately, rubber-covered) toe rail along the pristine side of *Manxman*. It took quite a lot of effort, but happily all came off in the end.

Oddfellows band together to raise brass for air ambulance charity

LOCAL members of the Oddfellows, one of the UK's largest and oldest friendly societies, hosted a brass band concert to raise £755.64 for the North West Air Ambulance Charity (NWAA).

The performance, by touring national band, Oddfellows Brass, was hosted jointly by the Southport & Ormskirk and the Mersey branches of the group in aid of the charity which supports the provision of emergency helicopter recovery, treatment and transfers for people who are critically ill or injured and unable to be reached by road.

Members of the two branches went along to NWAA's headquarters at the Barton airport in Eccles to present the cheque and also enjoyed a tour of the base.

Regional fundraiser for the NWAA Charity, Jennifer Barry, said: "We're extremely grateful to the local Oddfellows members who are working hard to raise awareness and support for the work that we do. Ensuring our helicopters, pilots, doctors and paramedics can provide top-quality treatment and access up-to-date equipment is of huge importance to the many communities throughout North West."

Bonita Hesketh, branch secretary for the Ormskirk and Southport District Oddfellows, added: "Oddfellows Brass is an extremely talented group of musicians, and their concerts are always a huge hit with our members. To work with them and the Mersey Oddfellows to raise such a wonderful amount of money for the North West Air Ambulance Charity was an absolute pleasure."

Members of the Oddfellows pictured with officals of the North West Air Ambulance charity at the cheque presentation.

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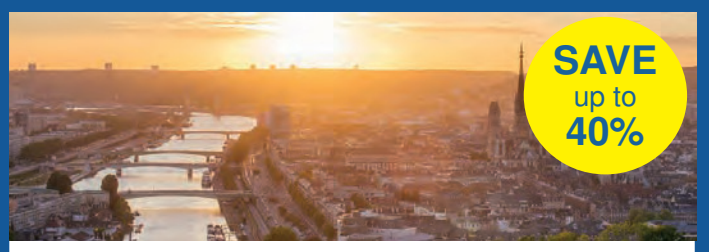

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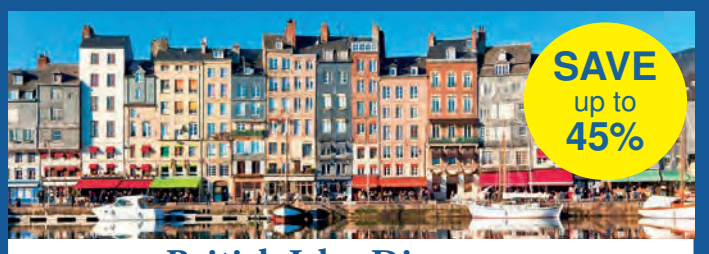

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Edge Hill academic launches national new arts network

THIS month saw the launch of a new arts resilience network 'art does not get you a job' created by Edge Hill University's Reader in Literature, Dr Mari Hughes-Edwards.

The network, whose members include the internationally-renowned ballet Lorent, The Royal Society of Literature, The Royal Museums, Greenwich, and artist Stephen Raw who designed the new £2 Armistice coin, was launched at The Poetry Society in London on Thursday, September 5.

Aimed at encouraging inter-disciplinary collaboration across the arts sector, the network is open to groups and independent creatives from sectors spanning dance, drama, music, art, museum, publishing and bookselling industries.

Mari, said: "I am delighted that so many cultural groups and creatives want to join the network. It shows how many of us are dedicated to working together to get into careers in the wider arts, and stay in them.

"Current group members also include The Open Eye Gallery, The Cornerstone Gallery and Manchester University Press, as well as Edge Hill's Institute for Creative Enterprise, Institute for Social Responsibility and GenSex, the university's gender and sexuality research group.

"However, we are just as committed to working with independent creatives as we believe that every single one of us has the power to shape their arts future.

She added: "The network was inspired by a national broadcaster's tweet: 'art doesn't get you a job' during a 2018 radio interview.

"The network and I are determined to prove him wrong. Now more than ever, the arts are minimalised and trivialised, and we hope that the network will help ensure the survival of creative industries in a time of global austerity and marginalisation."

Dr Mari Hughes-Edwards.

Bringing together wider community engagement projects on a local, national and international level, 'art does not get you a job' will also host one-off events and lobbying activities and generate funding and income for new initiatives such as a mentoring scheme.

The scheme will see established creatives mentoring early and mid-career artists and fostering new projects.

More information about 'art does not get you a job' can be found on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/artdoesnotgetyoua-job; on Twitter at https://twitter.com/artdoesnotgety1 or by email to artdoesnotgetyouajob@gmail.com.

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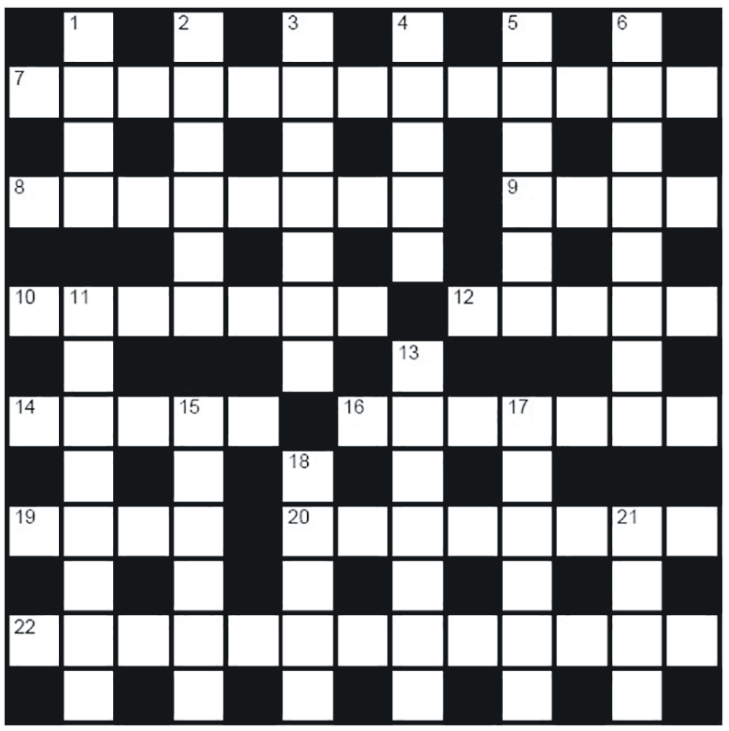

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Across: 7. Legume. 8. Acidic. 9. Dial. 10. Undulant. 11. Unchain. 13. Agile. 15. Scare. 17. Excrete. 20. Pastimes. 21. Band. 22. Falcon. 23. Elixir.

Down: 1. Benign. 2. Duel. 3. Sequoia. 4. Handy. 5. Villager. 6. Signal. 12. Hard tack. 14. Existed. 16. Cravat. 18 Tennis. 19. Amend. 21. Blip.

ACROSS

7. A court case to establish formally the identity of a child's father (9, 4)
8. Drink other than water (8)
9. A person's appearance or manner, especially as an indication of their character or mood (4)
10. The study of living organisms (7)
12. Have a debate about; squabble (5)
14. Slant, incline (5)
16. Part of a church near the altar, typically separated from the nave by steps or a screen (7)
19. Small island - of Wight or of Man, for instance (4)
20. Informal term for a detective or mystery story (8)
22. Item of bedroom furniture including a mirror and drawers (8, 5)

DOWN

1. Dislike intensely (4)
2. Disclose, make known (6)
3. Make bigger (7)
4. Semi-aquatic fish-eating mammal (5)
5. Each of two or more compounds with the same formula but a different arrangement of atoms in the molecule and different properties 6)
6. Make small adjustments to something to maximise performance (4-4)
11. Not real, imagined (8)
13. By way of; finished (7)
15. Give pleasure to (6)
17. A sweet made from sugar or honey, nuts, and egg white (6)
18. Literary term for a young lover or suitor (5)
21. Lazy (4)

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Rain can't put a dampener on festival

ORGANISERS have declared this year's Parbold Street Festival of Arts and Music a success - despite poor weather resulting in a slight downturn in numbers attending.

Staged over Saturday and Sunday, August 31 and September 1, the festival featured 14 venues and two stages with all types of music from brass bands and choirs, to folk, country, pop and rock.

Other highlights included parades telling the story of 'The Legend of Parbold Hill and a toy duck race on the canal.

One of the organisers, Dave Reid, said: "Numbers were slightly down because of pretty heavy showers on Saturday morning. After a quiet start though the festival came to life for the parade at 2pm and continued well until around 7.30pm.

"Sunday was well attended and the duck race was watched by hundreds of people."

Chance to nominate your local for Parliament Pub of the Year award

ROSIE Cooper is calling on tipplers in the borough to put foward their favoutite watering holes for a national award.

Organised by the House of Commons All-Party Group on Pubs, the Parliamentary Pub of the Year Awards aim to celebrate 'community locals' and each of the 650 MPs is invited to nominate a hostelry from their consituency.

The main criteria for nominated pubs is that they are great at what they do - this might be the range of beers or food provided, dedication to serving the local community or specialising in music or sports.

To decide which venue should go forward to represent the borough, Ms Cooper is asking customers to put forward their preferred pub with the nominee to be selected following a poll on the West Lancs MP's website.

She said: "I want local people to nominate their favourite pub in West Lancashire and the most popular choice will go forward as our local entrant for Parliamentary Pub of the Year Awards.

"Visit my website at www.rosiecooper.net/PubOfTheYear to start logging your nominations and votes before the deadline of midnight on Friday, September 20."

Nominations for the Parliamentary Pub of The Year awards can be made on Twitter @ParliPubOTY.

Rosie Cooper is inviting West Lancs pubgoers to nominate their favourite watering hole for a Parliamentary award.

Public meeting about village community centre redevelopment

A PUBLIC meeting to hear about progress on proposed redevelopment plans for Hesketh Bank Community Centre will be held at the centre in Station Road on Monday, September 30.

Tea and biscuits will be served from 7.30pm.

For more information email info@heskethbank-communitycentre.org.uk or call 07784 942127.

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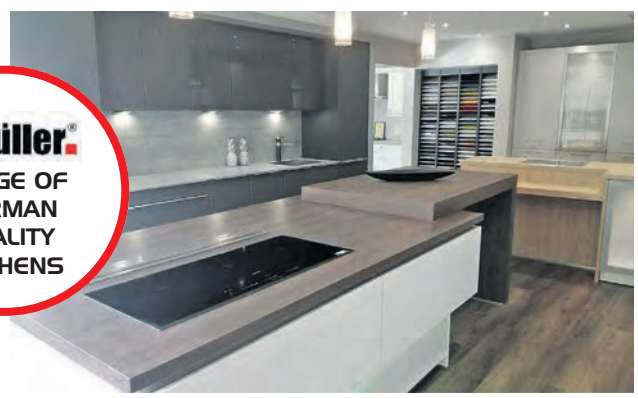

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Pet hamster inspired budding children's writer's book

A BUDDING children's fiction author from Ormskkirk was inspired by her pet hamster for her latest book.

Tasha Williams has published her online e-book, *Chutney and Cheese* on Amazon Kindle.

Described as a fun, rhyming tale, it tells about a cheeky hamster and her journey to get to the fridge for some cheese.

And Tasha says she was inspired to write the book by the antics of her own pet.

The 26-year-old, who currently works as a claims handler at an insurance agency, graduated with a creative writing degree from Edge Hill University in 2014.

Her last e-book, *The Snow Kitten,* was a bestseller in its category in 2013.

She said: "I've wanted to be a writer since I was young, and while I've tried many different genres, I always end up coming back to children's writing.

"I loved reading so much when I was young and want to be able to create stories that young people can enjoy and engage with, as I did.

"The latest book is based on Chutney, my partner Stephen and my pet hamster. She's quite a character which I aimed to show in the story to which I am hoping to write a sequel in the near future.

"I'm also currently working on my first novel for children aged 10 and up, which will be also published in e-book, and hopefully also as a paperback, through Amazon. Although the release date has yet to be confirmed."

Budding author Tasha Williams.

Can you give a home to 'North West's loneliest cat'?

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

STAFF at a West Lancs animal charity are marking a sad milestone – it's a whole year since an 'adorable' four-year-old cat was brought in to live with them!

Sally McDerby from Woodlands Animal Sanctuary in Sandy Lane, Holmeswood, said: "We have an anniversary this week, but the team do not feel like celebrating as we believe that we have the North West's loneliest cat.

"Harry, a beautifully handsome cat has been living at the sanctuary for a full year, as despite his best efforts he has been overlooked by every single person who has fostered a cat from Woodlands in the last 12 months.

"He was brought in by one of the sanctuary's members of staff because he had been abandoned by his family when they moved away and was left to roam the streets around where he used to live.

"Some local children were taking amusement from throwing stones at him, while all Harry wanted was a family he could live, play and sleep with.

Harry has been at Woodlands Animal Sanctuary for a year.

"Harry plays exactly as you would expect a strong four-year-old to play.

"We would therefore like an experienced cat owner to take Harry under their wing, someone who doesn't have young children and who is not too elderly.

"He ideally needs his own home with a garden where he can play with his toys, interact when he wants to and have space when he wants.

"Harry loves his food and as such any new owner would have to watch how much he eats, as his waistline was expanding more than was healthy for him.

"However, due to his playful nature he loves interacting with toys and so will often have his food in a treat ball, which allows him to play and move around more whilst enjoying his food.

Protective

"The volunteers at the sanctuary think that Harry is just misunderstood and say that when you give him a brush he turns into a real softy.

"So if you think your life could have a large, Harry-shaped hole in it then please contact Woodlands, either by phone on 01704 823293 or by email at info@animalsanctuary.org.uk.

" And please be ready for the team to ask you lots of questions because they are very protective and will only allow him to go to a home where they think he will fit into happily!"

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There's still time for youngsters to take part in Reading Journey

THERE'S still time for children aged four to 14 to take part in the Lancashire Reading Journey, known as the SCART Club, and take on a number of fun tasks along the way.

The Lancashire County Council initiative, now in its fifth year, runs until Saturday, September 28.

SCART stands for Science, Culture, Active, Reading and Technology. It is free to take part and aims to keep children reading and entertained throughout the summer holidays.

To join in children just need to visit a library and complete two tasks from each of the five SCART themes. One task for every theme is reading a book of their choice.

Feedback

On joining the SCART Club children will receive a task book, and will need to complete all five tasks to receive their rewards of stickers and prizes.

County Councillor Peter Buckley, the county council's cabinet member for community and cultural services, said: "We've been receiving great feedback from the SCART Club this year, and over 6,200 children have taken part so far.

"There's still a few weeks to go before the deadline and it really is a great way to encourage children to keep reading and learning.

"As well as being fun, it is also a good way to boost children's literacy, which not only helps with their education but also improves their life chances in the future."

Those taking part in the SCART Club can make use of one free family entry to a Lancashire museum.

Youngsters enjoying the Lego robotics activity - one of the fun tasks for members of the SCART Club.

It's free to join the library and under-16s can join by themselves.

Meanwhile young people aged 12 to 24 also have the opportunity to volunteer as a 'Reading Hack' at their local library, as part of the Reading Journey. This role is to support children on the Reading Journey, and help with organising and running events.

To volunteer, visit bit.ly/readhack

For more information about the SCART Club, visit www.lancashire.gov.uk/libraries-and-archives/libraries/reading-journey.aspx, visit your local library or telephone 0300 123 6703.

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Breathe Easy group hear talk on role of community matrons

WEST Lancashire community matrons, Louise Walker and Karen Staniforth, were guest speakers at the latest meeting of the West Lancashire and Southport Breathe Easy group.

In West Lancashire this service is operated under Virgin Care NHS with three matrons in the area, each covering a distinct district.

Community matrons are senior nurses with advanced health assessment/prescribing skills who support people with long-term conditions or a range of complex conditions, in their own home.

The matrons' aim is to help support people to improve their quality of life. People do not need to be house-bound to be eligible for help from a community matron.

Community matrons undertake assessments focusing on a patient's health care history, carry out physical examinations and develop a care plan based on individual needs.

They will support patients through periods of acute and chronic illness to help prevent avoidable emergency hospital admissions; educate and support patients to become experts in recognising and managing their symptoms; provide medication advice and support and act as a single point of contact, to co-ordinate care and signpost to other relevant services as required.

Louise and Karen advised members not to hesitate to contact the community matron team if they have any queries regarding their health, medicines or conditions. However, they stressed they are not an emergency service and are not to be regarded as a substitute for one's GP.

Referral to the Community Matron Service can be from your GP but West Lancs patients can also self-refer by phoning direct on 0300 247 0011. A similar service exists in Sefton, operated by Lancashire Care, but there is no self-referral system available.

West Lancs community matrons Karen Staniforth and Louise Walker at the meeting.

Patricia Ireland from the West Lancashire and Southport Breathe Easy group said: "Louise and Karen's talk was very interesting and we are very grateful that they kindly gave up valuable time to visit us.

"A number of members stayed behind for two hours to help Dr Philip Alton and colleagues who are researching to produce a Chest Sentinel Device. Dr Alton has since told us that our members' contributions were most valuable."

The next meeting of the group will be on Monday, September 16, starting at 11am at the Girl Guide HQ, Green Lane, Ormskirk, nextdoor to Ormskirk Rugby Club when the guest speaker will be Melanie Reardon, specialist physiotherapist from the Pulmonary Rehabilitation Clinic at Ormskirk Hospital.

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A scene from Chicago

Chicago was 'one of the musical highlights of year'

Review by **Ron Ellis**

Chicago
SDC Youth Theatre at Little Theatre

I HAVE seen many productions by the SDC Youth Theatre over the years and the talent and enthusiasm of the casts has always impressed me.

That's not to say I have always been quite as impressed with the choice of material. Skellig, Frankenstein and Company were not my idea of entertainment but the performances by the youngsters in all the shows have always been first class and when you see them in a musical like Chicago you realise what a wealth of young talent there is in the company, showing the potential for a successful career in the theatre.

This was the High School edition of Chicago, a shortened version of the original 'X' rated script, omitting certain songs with 'adult themes', cutting offensive swear words and covering the more revealing costumes yet retaining all the vitality and excitement of the initial score.

What remains is lots of unforgettable numbers evocative of the 1920's Jazz Age, Razzle Dazzle, All that jazz, Mr. Cellophane, Roxie, etc. played by a superb 12-piece band led by Chris Rimmer with some energetic dancing choreographed by Pippa Morris.

James Henderson gave a most assured performance in the Richard Gere role as silver-tongued lawyer, Billy Flynn, who agrees to defend Roxie Hart on a charge of murdering her lover, putting the blame on her husband, Amos. Flynn is also defending Velma Kelly on a similar charge.

Isobel Twist and Eleanor Gillow are in their element as The Merry Murderesses, Roxie and Velma, who are eventually acquitted and celebrate by taking to the stage as a musical partnership.

Ben Ackers perfected his hangdog expression as the hapless Amos with sterling performances from Harry Gascoigne as the Judge, Lucy Brindle (Mary Sunshine) and Lydia Roberts (Mama Morton).

The expert direction of the inimitable Stephen Hughes-Alty, assisted by Sian Woolley, made this one of the musical highlights of the year.

Star Review 9 out of 10. An exhilarating show.

Blood Brothers is a 'captivating show'

Review by **Malcolm Hindle**

THE return of Blood Brothers to its spiritual home of Liverpool is always a theatrical event to remember.

And so it proved once more when the acclaimed show arrived at the Empire for a 12-night run.

Blood Brothers is one of theatreland's big hitters but nowhere does it receive a bigger and warmer welcome than in its home city.

Lyn Paul triumphed in her return to a role she has forged unbreakable ties with but this is, sadly, the final time the former New Seekers singer is performing the part she has become synonymous with.

At the Empire she was simply breathtaking.

From 'Marilyn Monroe' to 'Easy Terms' and the emotionally-charged tragic finale 'Tell Me It's Not True' she carried off the production's showpiece numbers in the definitive style that has made the part of 'Mrs Johnstone' virtually her own since she first appeared in Blood Brothers way back in 1997 in the West End. She has reprised the role regularly over the years and now, at 70 years of age, this is her Blood Brothers swansong. What a way to say farewell.

But it would be too easy to say Ms Paul stole the show. She did, of course, but local actor Alex Patmore's Mickey-take as one of Mrs Johnstone's sons had the audience enthralled.

From the young Mickey - care free and happy-go-lucky - to the hurt and tormented soul that he was to become as an out-of-work adult consumed with depression, Patmore pulled off a quite sensational performance, tugging at every heartstring along the way as he battled the demons that life threw Mickey's way.

Alex, who played Bobby Willis in Cilla - the Musical, trained at the Liverpool Theatre School. He was outstanding here in his home city.

Robbie Scotcher as the 'Narrator' carried the whole thing through with cool aplomb - his reprise of 'Shoes Upon the Table' sending a constant shiver of emotion through the audience.

A scene from Blood Brothers

The story may now be a familiar one but it has lost none of its energy - or poignancy - as the years have rolled on. Twin brothers, Mickey and Edward, are separated at birth and brought up in completely different environments in Liverpool - Mrs Johnstone keeping Mickey while Edward is 'adopted' by the wealthy family Mrs Johnstone cleans for.

Those environments take the twins to opposite ends of the social spectrum, but they remain 'Blood Brothers' thanks to chance meetings throughout their young lives. They both fall in love with the same girl, causing a rift in their friendship and, as the story unfolds, leads to the death of both brothers. That's no spoiler by the way, as the show opens in sombre mood with the brothers lying dead in the street, their tragic tale about to unfold.

Other stand-out performances came from Joel Benedict as Edward, Danielle Corlass as girlfriend, Linda, and Danny Taylor as Mickey's older brother, Sammy.

Willy Russell's Blood Brothers shows no sign yet of fading away. Far from it, but catch it while you can in its home city - it runs at the Empire until September 14.

10/10 - captivating and exceptional - it remains a must-see theatre experience.

Catch Iolanthe at town's church

THIS Saturday (September 14) at 7.30pm Crosby Gilbert and Sullivan Society will be presenting Iolanthe at Emmanuel Church, Ormskirk.

Iolanthe is a comic opera with music by Arthur Sullivan and libretto by WS Gilbert.

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Last but by no means least, the ever-popular Southport Rock Choir will appear. They and their leader Anthony Seaman are very excited to be appearing on BBC Proms in The Park with Barry Manilow this month.

This is a night to remember and brings enjoyment for all ages.

Some of the acts who will be performing at Gig 4 Life

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One lucky reader can win a pair of tickets simply by answering the following question: Which local group is performing with Barry Manilow? Answers to Champion Newspapers, Clare House, 166 Lord Street, Southport, PR9 OQA. The closing date is 12 noon on Friday, September 20. Please supply an address and a contact number.

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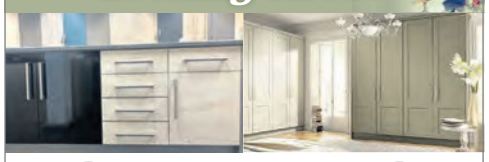
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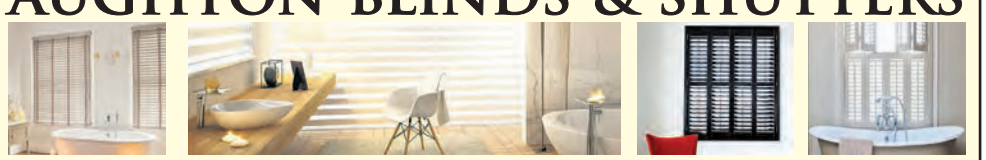

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BOSCH DISHWASHER Free-standing. Full size (60cm wide. Fits under worktop counter). White. Good condition. £70 01695 421902

BOSCH FREEZER White, under-counter, very good condition, full working order, buyer collects: Ormskirk. Redundant unit after kitchen refurb. £50.00 07855 799985

BRASS FIGURE Striking, unusual Spanish brass figure on lovely wooden base. Perfect condition. can send photo's 14cms. tall, heavy and solid. £10 07411658297

BRAUN SILKEPIL3 Very good condition £10.50 01704 224039

CABIN BED Child's cabin bed VGC with tent,ladder and mattress170 x 80x 115h cm. complete with instructions to dismantle and assemble £50 01704576943

CANDLESTICKS Pair of lovely bronzed candlesticks from Boots Home. Heavy quality, as new condition.
H 26cm Base 9.5cm £15 07411658297

CARPET CLEANER Bissell Cleanview Reach . Good condition and working order. £40 01704 807548

CD/DVD TWISTER Mahogany holds 144 cds or dvds cupboard style 29" high x 16" wide x 17" deep £60 07756229527

BEKO FRIDGE White larder type (no freezer), good condition, full working order, buyer collects: Ormskirk. Redundant unit after kitchen refurb. £35.00 07855 799985

COFFEE TABLE large oak coffee table L50" W27" D20" with 2 drawers.Excellent condition. bought from Stokers for over £350. £70 ono. 07702997311 or01704576459

CORNER CABINET Tall mahogany corner cabinet. Cupboard at bottom and glazed display cabinet at top. £50 01695 421902

ELECTRIC TOASTER Bosch Electric Toaster.
Excellent condition, perfect working order. White/grey
Only £10, current retail price £49.94.
Buyer to arrange collection. (Upholland) 07411658297

EXTENDING TABLE Light oak quality pedestal table, suitable for dining or kitchen together with 4 matching chairs. Downsizing, must sell £260 01695572703

FIBRE QUILT Hollow £75 still in wrapper. Fleecy mattress cover in wrapper all king size £15 silentnite 07539 870277

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GPLAN TABLES mahogany nest of tables £100 and mahogany corner tv cabinet £200 GPLAN genuine reason for sale can send pics 07761237121

HENRY VACUUM Model no. HV200-11. Excellent condition. With a box of 10 Hepa flow filter bags. £60 o.n.o. 07971576709

INTERIOR DOORS Double momgory bevelled glass, very good condition £25. Small computer table, light wood £5 07934 496817

KINGSIZE THROW/BEDSPREAD Gold Satin finish, with embroidery and sequins, plus 2 matching pillow cases, unused. £10. 01704 530137

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CHINA SET Royal Grafton 21 piece china tea service, never used perfect condition, Bathroom cabinet stainless steel mirror doors £12 07934 496817

CHINESE RUGS 2.75m circular cream base been professionally cleaned £100 Ono. 2nd rug 1.75m x 2.7m pink base v.good condition 0151 9312585

CHRISTMAS TREE With built in, colour changing led lights. Complete with assorted decorations. £15 01695572703

COCKTAIL CABINET height 6ft, width 4ft, depth 18 inchs, good condition £100, Retro Trolley table, Height 30" Width 36" depth 15" £40 07926 976154

COCKTAIL GLASSES 6 large Anthony Martini vintage Edinburgh crystal cocktail glasses mint condition. Cost £8.50 each, £30 the set, photos, buyer collects 0151 2860268

COFFEE MACHINE Delongi EC850 espresso coffee machine with milk frother programmable cappuccino/latte/espresso excellent condition cost Amazon £274 bargain like new £120 01704220356

COFFEE TABLE Octagonal wooden coffee table with glass top 36" across. Downsizing, bargain at £25ono 01695572703

CONVECTOR HEATER 2000W free standing, nearly new £7 07875141036

CROCK POT Slow cooker. New, in box Automatic keep warm. Unwanted gift. £16 01695572703

CURTAIN FABRIC 36yd(approx) roll of Crowson 100%cotton material.54"wide.Pale green discreet stripes Aughton.Moving house,not needed £85ono 01695572703

LARDER FRIDGE Liebherr under counter fridge. Good condition and working order. Width 500 £40 01704 807548

LARGE QUALITY dining set. table 60 X 44 inches extends to 84 inches 8 upholstered chairs sideboard L52xW21 inches excellent condition £1100 01704220356

LE CREUSET 3 casserole/baking dishes.Unwanted gift. New, unused. Bargain at £35 01695572703

LEATHER RECLINER Lovely condition in beige, adjustable, reclining and swivels. Including a matching footstool, both on light beech star base. £125 07387439004

LEATHER SOFA Brown 3 seater leather and matching leather look material sofa H91.L187. D92. Good Condition £55 07807 295133

LEATHER SOFA 3 seater and matching armchair, very good condition£40 ono. Must Collect 01695 229184

LEATHER SUITE three seater sofa and two matching chairs in dark maroon with mahogany wood trimming and feet £325 ono 01515263851

LIGHT SHADES Art Deco 1930's large, glass, ceiling light shades complete with 3 hanging chains. Can send photo's. £25 each 07411658297

MAHOGANY MIRROR Over mantel mirror from stokers 32" high x 44" wide £40 07756229527

NAVY TROLLEY special wheels for going upstairs, as new £18. No texts 07564 223114

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NEXT CANDLESTICKS pair of next reproduction antique candlesticks12in high 5in base. good condition.£20. 01515201255

PLATES 2 Bradex Limited Edition porcelain plates. "The Path on the Green" "The Village Stream" Original boxes, numbered only £8 each 07411658297

PVC DOORS Interior panel white, size 6ftx2ft £10. Modern narrow mirror, 6ft long 1ft wide £5 07934 496817

RADLEY BAG Signature/Picture large grab bag Retail Therapy from Autumn/Winter 2006 in good used condition. £70. Collection Southport. 07806775741

RECLINER CHAIR Rise and recline"Sherborne" Chair. Good condition,2 Motors. Cream. Standard size £195 01695572703

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DINING CHAIRS 6 cream leather roll back dining chairs in excellent condition. £150 07429428989

DINING SET Mahogany extenable table & 4 chairs & matching display unit with lights & cut glass doors £200 07756229527

DINING TABLE Pine with 6 chairs. 60"long x 29" wide x 30"high £90 07756229527

DINING TABLE Round glass with chrome legs & 4 chrome chairs 45" across 30" high £80 07756229527

DINNER PLATES 8 x Portmeirion dinner plates in new condition. Beautiful Botanical garden designs. £10 each. Or 6 for £50 Great price. 07411658297

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DOUBLE HOTPLATE Prolex double hotplate 1500/1000 watt. Compact/lightweight/portable/easyclean finish, nonslip feet; overheat protection. Used, excellent condition, very handy, boxed. £10 Buyer collects 0151 2860268

RICE COOKER Moulinex, brand new, in box With recipes £15 01695572704

ROUND CARPET 6' diameter round Indian carpet in blue and cream colours .Excellent condition. £40. 07702997311 or01704576459

ROUND DRESSING Table stool. White with navy seat 18" high x 17" deep £30 07756229527

SAFETY HANDRAIL Outdoor angled handrail £25. Metal dustbin & lid £10 07583008540 (Tarleton)

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SIDEBOARD Oak coloured 3 cupboards & 3 drawers 31" x 47" wide x 19" deep £30 07756229527

SLOW COOKER Morphy Richards 6.5l sear & stew Brushed Steel £12-00 o.n.o collect only. 01704501757

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ELECTRIC FIRE 2kw fire, Blyss Ferndown electric fire suite. Natural oak & ivory effect, full working order, vgc £90 ono 01704 876855

ELECTRIC KNIFE Kenwood electric carving knife, choice of blades. As new condition. Half current retail price. £10 07411658297

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IKEA FURNITURE Light wood two sprung chairs and glass coffee table to match ideal for conservatory £30 the lot 07388406858

IKEA SIDEBOARD Darkwood 2 drawers chrome handles/2 cupboards with shelves. W1.56m(61.5) x D40cm (16") x H68.5cm (27") on legs. £50 07931561650

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(C165 STATION ROAD, PARBOLD, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2019

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of C165 Station Road, Parbold from the junction of Broadmead, Parbold to the junction of U50688 Beacon Crossing, Parbold.

2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.

3. The prohibition will be operative from 2359 hours on Saturday 28th September 2019 until 0800 hours on Sunday 29th September 2019 or until completion of the works within this period. Access will be for pedestrian traffic only.

4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- C165 The Common, Parbold - B5246 Lancaster Lane, Parbold - A5209 Alder Lane, Parbold - C165 Mill Lane, Parbold - C165 Station Road, Parbold and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow a Road-Rail Vehicle to carry out drainage and culvert clearing works to be carried out by Network Rail

Authority given for this Order to be made:

[Ref: HRiT/19211/EW]

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PUBLIC NOTICES

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(U578 STANLEY WAY, SKELMERSDALE, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2019

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of U578 Stanley Way, Skelmersdale from U578 Seddon Place, Skelmersdale to 90m South West of junction with U49194 Seaton Place, Skelmersdale.

2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.

3. The prohibition will be operative from 0000 hours until 2359 hours on Monday 16th September 2019 or until completion of the works within this period.

4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- U578 Stanley Way, Skelmersdale - C152 Glenburn Road, Skelmersdale - A577 Glenburn Road, Skelmersdale - A577 Neverstich Road, Skelmersdale - U577 Staveley Road, Skelmersdale - U2598 Statham Road, Skelmersdale - U578 Seddon Place, Skelmersdale and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow an abnormal load movement to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Highway Regulation Manager
Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780

[Ref: HRiT/19786/EW]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(C161 MILL LANE, UP HOLLAND, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2019

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle or cycle to proceed over that length of C161 Mill Lane, Up Holland from X252 Harts Lane, Up Holland to A577 Ormskirk Road, Up Holland.

2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.

3. The prohibition will be operative from 0930 hours on Monday 23rd September 2019 until 1500 hours on Wednesday 2nd October 2019 or until completion of the works within this period. Closure will only be in place between these times on each day.

4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- C161 Mill Lane, Skelmersdale - C161 Beacon Lane, Skelmersdale - C161 Higher Lane, Dalton - A5209 Ash Brow, Newburgh - C160 Cobbs Brow Lane, Newburgh - C160 Cobbs Clough Brow, Skelmersdale - U3219 Whalleys Road, Skelmersdale - U622 Ashurst Road, Skelmersdale - A577 Houghtons Road, Skelmersdale - A577 Stannanought Road, Skelmersdale - A577 Windmill Road, Up Holland - A577 Newgate Road, Up Holland - A577 Ormskirk Road, Up Holland and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway resurfacing works to be carried out by Lancashire County Council.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780

[Ref: HRiT/19016/EW]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(U5301 HOLLOWFORD LANE, LATHOM, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) NOTICE 2019

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of U5301 Hollowford Lane, Lathom from U475 Frog Lane, Lathom to U477 Back Lane, Newburgh.

2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.

3. The prohibition will be operative from 0000 hours on Saturday 7th September 2019 until 1700 hours on Friday 13th September 2019 or until completion of the works within this period.

4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- U477 Back Lane, Newburgh - A5209 Course Lane, Lathom - A5209 Lowry Hill Lane, Lathom - A5209 Briars Lane, Lathom -C164 Ring O Bells Lane, Lathom - U5301 Hollowford Lane, Lathom and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow emergency bridge repair works to be carried out by the Canal and Rivers Trust.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager
Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780

[Ref: HRiT/20142/EW]

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PUBLIC NOTICES

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(PLEX MOSS LANE, HALSALL, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2019
(TEMPORARY AMENDMENT) ORDER 2019

The Lancashire County Council ("the County Council") in exercise of its powers under Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, (the Act), and of all other enabling powers, HEREBY makes the following Order:-

The Lancashire County Council (Plex Moss Lane, Halsall, West Lancashire Borough)(Temporary Prohibition Of Through Traffic) Order 2019, is hereby temporarily Amended in that:
i. To amend Article 2 as follows:
The prohibition will be operative from 0800 hours on Monday 16th September

2019 until 1800 hours on Friday 27th September 2019 or until completion of the works within this period.

The prohibition will be operative from 0800 hours on Monday 16th September

2019 until 1800 hours on Friday 27th September 2019 or until completion of the works within this period.

This Temporary Amendment Order shall come into operation on Monday 9th September 2019 and may be cited as "The Lancashire County Council (Plex Moss Lane, Halsall, West Lancashire Borough) (Temporary Prohibition Of Through Traffic) Order 2019 (Temporary Amendment) Order 2019"

Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780

[Ref: HRiT/17349/EW/3]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(U646 HILLOCK LANE, DALTON, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH AND C163 LEES LANE, DALTON, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2019

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic over the following lengths of highway, in the Borough of West Lancashire, as set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over the following lengths of highway in the Borough of West Lancashire;

i. U646 Hillock Lane, Dalton from C163 Lees Lane, Dalton for a distance of 303m in a South Westerly direction.

ii. C163 Lees Lane, Dalton from U646 Hillock Lane, Dalton for a distance of 953m in an Easterly direction.

2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.

3. The prohibition will be operative from 0800 hours on Monday 30th September 2019 until 1700 hours on Friday 8th November 2019 or until completion of the works within this period. The closures on the aforementioned lengths of highway will be staggered and will not be in place at the same.

4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:-
Diversion (U646 Hillock Lane)
C163 Lees Lane, Dalton - C161 Higher Lane, Dalton - U646 Hillock Lane, Dalton and vice versa.
Diversion (C163 Lees Lane)
C163 Lees Lane, Dalton - C162 Appley Lane South, Appley Bridge - C162 Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge - B5375 Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge - A5209 Hall Lane, Appley Bridge - A5209 Sparrow Hill, Parbold - A5209 Parbold Hill, Parbold - A5209 Alder Lane, Parbold - C161 Higher Lane, Dalton and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow excavation of joint bays to enable high voltage overlay to be carried out by Gallagher Ltd on behalf of Electricity North West.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6780

[Ref: HRiT/19648/EW]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(B5240 HALL LANE, LATHOM, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2019

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle or cycle to proceed over that length of B5240 Hall Lane, Lathom from U49829 Hall Lane Service Road, Lathom (North End) to U49829 Hall Lane Service Road (South End).

2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.

3. The prohibition will be operative from 0800 hours on Monday 23rd September 2019 until 1700 hours on Thursday 3rd October 2019 or until completion of the works within this period.

4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:-
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The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow the installation of pressure points and purge points on a medium pressure gas valve to be carried out by J N Bentley Ltd.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager
Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780

[Ref: HRiT/19640/EW]

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The family of the late Cecilia Marr would like to express their sincere thanks and appreciation to all the relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind messages of sympathy, cards, flowers etc. and the donations to Queenscourt Hospice following their very sad loss.

A special thank you to all the Carers, District Nurses and all involved in Cecilia's care.

A very special thanks to Msr Peter Fleetwood for his kind ministrations and also Derek from Howard's Funeral Directors for his friendly and very professional service.

GILDERT
HANNAH

Sandra and family would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy following the sudden and unexpected loss of Hannah and for the generous donations to Queenscourt Hospice which amounted to £243.00. A big thank you to Jan Fraser for the beautiful service she delivered, to those who helped organise the service and those who attended or kept us in their thoughts and prayers. Also, many thanks to Howard's Funeral Directors for their support and guidance.

BIRTHDAY MEMORIAMS

BEESLEY
KAREN
LESLEY
13th September

The time passes we miss you more & more.
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Love always,
Husband Stephen and Children Michael & Hannah xxx

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74th Birthday
10th September

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23rd December 1957 -
9th September 2018

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lonely sad year since
you left us.
Every day we all ask
ourselves why?
We love and miss you
so badly it's hard to
keep the tears dry and
only you knew why.
Every day we wish we
can cuddle and hold
you tight so we could
keep you close by.
We know our family in
Heaven are doing this
right now with their
arms around you and
loving you so
this gives us all some
comfort that you're
smiling and
at peace now.

In our hearts and
thoughts forever.
We miss you
every day.
In loving memory,
Daughters, Mother,
Sisters, Brother and 6
Grandchildren.
xxxxxx

MCLEAN JOAN

Passed away
3 years ago
10th September 2016

Mum
Remembering you is
easy, I do it every day.
Missing you is the
heartache,
that never goes away.

You will be forever in
my thoughts.

Love Gavin, Lilian,
Patrick and Caitlin
xxxx

PRAYERS

DEAR SACRED HEART OF JESUS

In the past I have asked
for many favours.
This time I ask for
one special favour.
(mention it)

Take it dear heart of
Jesus and place it
within your own broken
heart where your Father
sees it. Then, in his
merciful eyes, it will
become your favour,
not mine.

Amen.

Say this prayer for three days, promise publication and your favour will be granted.
Never to be failed.

P.J.G.

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

Never known to fail.

O most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, faithful Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this necessity, O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother, O Holy Mary Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succour me in my necessity.

(Make Request).

There are none that can withstand your powers. Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 Times).

Sweet Mother, I place this cause in your hands (3 times).

Thank you for your mercy towards me and mine.

This prayer must be said for three days and after that the request will be granted and the prayer must be published.

P.J.G.

DEATHS

SMITH JOYCE

2nd September 2019
Peacefully at home,
aged 79 years

Dearly beloved Wife of the late Frank. Much loved Mum of Philip and Andrew. Joyce will be sadly missed by all who knew her.
A Service of Committal will take place at Southport Crematorium on Thursday 19th September 2019 at 2pm followed by a Thanksgiving Service at Marshside Road Methodist Church Hall at 3pm. Family flowers only by request please but the family are gratefully receiving donations for Macmillan Cancer Support.
Further enquiries please to Moisters Funeral Directors.
8 Marshside Road,
Churchtown,
Southport. PR9 8PF
Tel: 01704 227430.

DEATHS

MURPHY BARBARA

4th September 2019
aged 74 years
Passed away suddenly, but peacefully at home

She will be sadly missed by her Husband Terry, Daughters Ruth and Susan, Son in law Richard, and Granddaughter Beth, as well as extended family and friends.
Further enquiries please to
Anabel Hunter
MLS Independent Funeral Directors,
20 Moss Delph Lane,
Aughton, Lancashire
Tel: 01695 424888

FLAMMAN AUDREY

NEE LYDIATE
29th August 2019
Peacefully at Home after a short illness.

Much loved and dearly missed by all who knew her. A celebration of Audrey's life is to be held at Thornton Crematorium on Monday 16th September 2019 at 11:20am.
Family flowers only please and donations in memory of Audrey will be gratefully received for The Dog's Trust, Liverpool or the RNLI. For all enquires, please contact
Graham J. Clegg Funeral Service, 7 Dover Road,
Maghull L31 5JB
0151 520 3330

BODEN ADA ISABELLA

4th September 2019
Passed away peacefully in her sleep
aged 93 years

Much loved Wife of the late Earnest. Beloved Mother of Philip, Michael, Patricia, Geoffrey, Rodney, Trevor, Beverley and Dianne.
A worshipped Nan to over fifty Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren.
Nothing will ever be quite the same.
Funeral details to be confirmed.

DEATHS

RIMMER ENID MARY (NEE BOOTH)

28th August 2019
Aged 85 Years

Peacefully after a short illness.
Devoted wife of Brian, much loved Mum to Lynda and Helen. Wonderful Mother-in-law to Graeme and cherished Grandma to George and Damien.
Enid will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.
Service at Southport Crematorium on Wednesday 18th September at 11:20am. Family flowers only please, but if desired donations are being collected for Arthritis UK.
Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR, Telephone: 01704 500086.

CUNLIFFE LUCY

27th August 2019
Peacefully,
Aged 80 years.

Beloved Wife of Don. Loving Mum of Eileen Anne Foster. Lucy will be sadly missed by all of her family and friends.
Funeral Service and Committal will take place at Southport Crematorium on Tuesday 17th September 2019 at 3.20pm.
Family flowers only by request but donations are being gratefully received for Queenscourt Hospice.

Further enquiries to Porters Funeralcare, 111a Bispham Road, Southport, PR9 7BJ, Telephone Number 01704 212714.

To place a family announcement please call 01704 392392

DEATHS

BEATTIE GEORGE DONALD (DON)

Sadly passed away after a short illness on 28th August
aged 82 years

Dear Father of Catherine and Helen, kind Grandad of Bella, Riley and Finley devoted Brother of Jean and a much loved Uncle. Don will be sadly missed by all his family, friends and all who knew him.

Funeral service and committal will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium on Monday 16th September 2019 at 1pm.
Family flowers only by request but the family are gratefully receiving donations for Macmillan Cancer Research

Further enquires to W H Hull Funeral Directors, 81 Church Road, Tarleton, Lancashire PR4 6UP
01772 812409

KELLY BERYL

3rd September 2019
Peacefully at her home with her family by her side, aged 78 years.

Reunited with her beloved Owen, devoted Mother to Stuart and Pamela, Mother in law to Mark, loving Grandmother to Hannah and Thomas and Great Grandmother to Bowen. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her.
Celebratory service to be held at Southport Crematorium on Thursday 19th September 2019 at 10:40am, followed by a family interment at St Paul's Church, Skelmersdale. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for R.N.L.I.
All enquiries to Melanie Hardman at H Hardman & Co, Independent Family Funeral Directors of Skelmersdale, Ormskirk & Scarisbrick.
Tel:- 01695 722122/720012

DEATHS

BROWN MARGARET

Passed away on the 12th September 2019 at Southport Hospital
Aged 72 Years

Wife to Geoff. Mum to Steven, Paul, Les and David. Step Mum to Kate, Gary and Stacie. Grandma to Tristan, Sofia, Nathan, Bethany, Declan, Andy, Dillon, Emma, Daniel, Sophie, Molly, Anya, Freddy and Ariana. Sadly missed by the family and all her friends. Thanks for all the condolences and cards and support during this so sad time. Funeral service to take place at West Lancashire Crematorium, Pippin Street, Burscough on Thursday 12th September 2019 at 1pm.
Further enquiries to David Wilkinson Independent Funeral Directors,
311 Hesketh Lane,
Tarleton, PR4 6RJ.
Telephone
01772 811165

DR. JAMES PHILIP RILEY 'PHIL'

Suddenly in hospital, on 5th September 2019, aged 68 years

Much loved Husband of Gill. Dear Father of Stephen and Andrew. Father-in-law of Ruth. Devoted Grandpa of Joe and Ella.Loving Brother of Gill.
Phil will be sadly missed by all his family and friends and all who knew him.
Funeral Service and Committal will take place at Southport Crematorium on Wednesday 18th September 2019 at 2.40pm. Family flowers only by request please but the family are gratefully receiving donations for The Stroke Association.
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DEATHS

STEWART MURIEL HEATHER

Passed away peacefully at Queenscourt Hospice on Saturday 7th September 2019, aged 77 years

Dearly Loved by her Sons, Brother, and close friends.
The funeral service will take place at Southport Crematorium on Friday 13th September at 12noon.
Family flowers only but donations if so desired can be made to Queenscourt Hospice.
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DEATHS

CONKLING JAMES EDWARD

Age 45 Years

Suddenly but peacefully at home on 24th August 2019

A dearly loved and sorely missed Son, Brother, Uncle, Nephew and Cousin. Funeral Service and Committal will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium on Thursday 19th September at 12.15pm. Family flowers only but donations if so desired can be made to the Samaritans. Further enquiries to M. Rushton Funeral Directors, 100 Marshside Road, Southport PR9 9TG, 01704 214118.

NIBLOCK BRYAN EDWARD

4th September 2019

Passed away suddenly whilst on holiday in Wales.

Loving Husband of Ellen Niblock. Father to Amanda and George. Father in law to Suzanne and Andrew. Grandad to Jason, Katherine, Niamh, Louise, Ellis, Christy and Stephen and Great Grandad to Kian and Levi. Bryan was brother to Keith (late) and brother in law to Pat, Mary and George, Mary and Michael (late), Greta (late) and William (late), Noreen and Liam (late), Patrick and Anne, Deirdre and Joe, Mary and Michael (late) and Christy. Maureen, Peter, Caitlin, Niamh, Yifei, Glenn and James.

Bryan will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral Service at St Joseph's Church, Birkdale, Southport, on Tuesday 17th September at 12:30 pm. Followed by a Burial at Sacred Heart Church, Ainsdale. Family flowers only please but donations to Macmillan Nurses. Enquiries to M Rushton Funeral Directors, 100 Marshside Road, Southport, PR9 9TG. Tel: 01704 214118

DEATHS

UNSWORTH PETER

30th August 2019

Aged 69 Years

Died peacefully at home. Devoted Husband of Sandra, loving Father of Natalie and Guy, Brother of Sandy, Uncle of Simon, 'Pops' to Freddie. His wonderful, warm character will be greatly missed by his family and many friends. Service of Thanksgiving at St James Parish Church, Birkdale on Monday 23rd September at 2:00pm. Donations are being collected in lieu of flowers for Southport & Ormskirk NHS Trust. Bright ties or a splash of colour to be worn. Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

GAUTREY RON

7th September 2019

Peacefully at Dalepark Nursing Home, aged 80 years

Much loved Husband of Christine. Loving Dad of Jonathan, Antony, Martin and Caroline. Dear Father-in-law of Sue and Susie. Devoted Gramps of Alexandra, Jessica, Matthew, Daniel, Conor, Mae, Corey and the late Benjamin. A loving Great-Grandad to his Great-Grandchildren. Ron will be sadly missed by his family, friends and all who knew him. Funeral Service and Committal will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium on Wednesday 18th September 2019 at 11.30am. Family flowers only by request please but the family are gratefully receiving donations for The Alzheimers Society. Further enquiries please to Moisters Funeral Directors. 8 Marshside Road, Churchtown, Southport. PR9 8PF Tel: 01704 227430.

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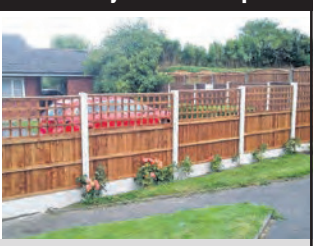

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The early versions of the MINI can now be snapped up for well under £1000

David Simister marks ten years of his Champ column

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A LOT can happen in ten years. Think back to what was happening back in September 2009. Gordon Brown was running the country, Dizzee Rascal was at number one and people were starting to get panicky about swine flu. Oh, and a motoring column popped up in *The Champion* for the first time, written by someone whose chief transport to our Lord Street offices was a rust-ridden Mini.

I re-read that first column the other day – which covers the tried 'n' tested petrolhead game of having a ten-car garage, but a budget of just £10,000 to fill it with – and it surprised just how much some of them have moved on in price. There's no way, for instance, that you'd be able to pick up a Jaguar XJ6 Series III (even a really ropey one) for under a grand now; these days, you'd be looking at its Nineties equivalent, the X300, and you'd be better be prepared to tackle some rotten sills and tired electrics while you're at it.

The days of Fiat Coupés being readily available for buttons are gone too, and as much as there are still cheap Alfa 156 Sportwagons out there you'll have a job finding one.

Even the Renault 5 that I ran for a few months during this column's early days has gone up in price – argue all you like about whether it's a classic car yet, but simple market economics dictates that with the few people wanting one being greater than the number now on sale, you'll struggle to get one for under a grand now.

But the one that's more surprising to look back on than any other is the Mini I regularly needed Triple Plus Members' Club Platinum Premium levels of breakdown cover for – I thought I'd done well selling that admittedly tired Mayfair for £800, but these days that wouldn't even get you a non-running project.

It would've been a bizarre thing to think back in 2009, but nowadays the cheapest route into Mini ownership is by picking up one of its flashier, BMW-engineered Noughties successors.

For all the talk of bloated Countryman models and pizza dish-sized speedometers I reckon it's now a lot of car for the money, and the interesting thing is how big a part the 2001-on model played in the Mini's 60th anniversary celebrations. I went to the International Mini Meeting in Bristol a few weeks ago and the newer models were absolutely everywhere, and the hostility that I remember from the Mini die-hards of only a few years ago seems to have subdued.

It's worth remembering too that the original Mini's landmark 5.3m production run is set to be beaten by the BMW-engineered model at some point next year, so it's not as though the nation hasn't taken the new car firmly into its bosom.

You'd need the best £3-4k to pick up a decent classic Mini these days but play it smart and you can have a BMW-generation Cooper, with an MoT, for well under £750.

I suspect it'd be rather better at getting me to work in the mornings, too…

David Simister is the editor of Classic Car Weekly

ADVERTISING FEATURE

06 Family Welcomes Mitsubishi to Skelmersdale Site

Family-owned new and used dealership 06 Vauxhall, welcomes Mitsubishi to their range at their Inchfield site in Skelmersdale.

06, which has been trading in the car and van industry for over 15 years, became an authorised Mitsubishi dealer following the success of their Vauxhall sites, and launched officially August 23.

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Franchise Manager, Chris Hall said: "We're proud to welcome new and used Mitsubishi models to our line up and become the new name for Mitsubishi in the North West, as we continue to grow the 06 family.

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CORSA 1.4 SE 5 DR 65 REG 15,000 miles in power red, Bluetooth, alloys, DAB radio, heated front seats & steering wheel, cruise, heated windscreen, aircon – FSH, £30 road tax & supplied by us, 12 months MOT..... **£7,595**

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*** HYUNDAI TUCSON 1.7 SE NAV CRDi 5 DR 66 REG** 22,000 miles in inca beach metallic, SAT NAV, Bluetooth, climate, cruise, DAB radio, alloys, heated front seats, reverse camera – balance of 5 yr Hyundai warranty, FSH & £30 road tax..... **£12,995**

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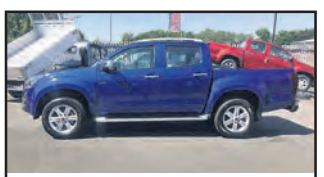

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Burscough hammered by Hightown to leave them fourth from bottom in table

BURSCOUGH were beaten by nine wickets at home against Hightown St Mary's to leave them fourth from bottom in the Second Division.

Jon Stone 42 and Trevor Webster 41 were the only players to reach double figures as the hosts were dismissed for 103, against an attack led by Alec McLoughlin 4-8 and Jim Kelly 3-22.

In Hightown's reply, 58 from Jayden Schadendorf and an unbeaten 29* from Leo McCarthy eased the visitors to victory on 104-1.

Maghull lost at home by three wickets against Parkfield Liscard, Declan Devine 38, Anthony Molloy 38 and Greg Gillespie 30 all helped the hosts to a total of 207, with Zaighum Abbas 4-62 and Niaz Khan 4-90 taking the bulk of the wickets.

In reply, Kamran Hussain 72 and Robert Courtney 67 then guided the visitors to victory on 208-7, with Joe Medew-Ewen taking 3-45.

Southport Trinity's hopes of promotion were dealt a huge blow at the Rookery after they were beaten by 11 runs by Caldy. The visitors chose to bat and were dismissed for 96, with Haroon Khan top scoring with 15 against an attack led by Mark Prince 3-15 and Akshay Sreenivasan 3-16.

In reply, the hosts lost wickets at regular intervals and were dismissed for 85 with Mark Prince stranded on 26* as Chris Edwards took 6-41.

THIS weekend's penultimate local LDCC league fixtures (noon): Bootle v Formby, Ormskirk v Leigh, Southport & Birkdale v Northern, Ainsdale v Wigan, Newton Le Willows v Fleetwood Hesketh, Caldy v Maghull, Hightown St Mary's v Spring View, Liverpool v Burscough and St Helens Town v Southport Trinity.

Ormskirk close gap on leaders Bootle with two games to go

WITH two matches of the season remaining, Ormskirk closed the gap on the Liverpool & District Competition Premier Division leaders Bootle to 25 points after enjoying an 81 run victory at Wallasey while the leaders lost their match at home.

Gary Knight hit an unbeaten 100* and Lancashire's George Lavelle made 82 as Ormskirk declared on 233-4 with Harry Meehan taking 3-54.

Tom Hartley then took 3-49 as the hosts were dismissed for 152 with Meehan top scoring with 43

Bootle were beaten at Leigh by 37 runs.

The hosts were asked to bat and dismissed for 146 with Scott Butterworth taking 3-41.

In Bootle's reply, Will Purser top scored with 37 as the league leaders were dismissed for 109 with Lancashire's Danny Lamb taking 5-35 with the ball.

Northern had a seven wicket home win against Orrell Red Triangle, Andy Baybutt 50 and Matt Wareing 37 top scored for the visitors who were bowled out for 124, with Tom Sephton claiming 7-62. In reply, an unbeaten 73* from opener Liam Grey and 28 not out from Justin Snow helped ease the hosts to victory on 125-3.

Formby recorded a six wicket home win over Rainhill, Northamptonshire's Luke Procter top scored with an unbeaten 73*for the visitors as they were dismissed for 143, with Ben Aitchison taking 3-49.Ireland skipper Will Porterfield 31 and Dave Atkinson 30 then laid the foundations for Aitchison to guide his team home with an unbeaten 62* as the hosts reached 146-4.

Southport & Birkdale's Isaac Lea hit his maiden top flight century (116 with 16x4 & 3x6) as he and Brad Yates 48 enabled the hosts to declare on 192-6 at Trafalgar Road, with Paul Jenkins taking 3-68.

In reply, visiting skipper Sion Morris top scored with 40 but the rest of his team were sent spinning by Chris Cunningham 5-35 and Gary Keedy 4-59 as the Welshmen were dismissed for 150, the win lifted S&B 14 points clear of the relegation zone and a step closer to securing their top flight status.

Skem hopeful of causing cup upset when they host Wythenshawe in FA Vase

SKELMERSDALE United are preparing for cup action when they host Wythenshawe this Friday in the FA Vase, ***writes Neil Leatherbarrow.***

Again this Saturday sees West Lancashire as a football free zone, last week our local teams were without a fixture and it is the same this weekend. Burscough are without a game until Monday 16th September, Skelmersdale do play in the FA Vase this Friday night, playing Wythenshawe Town at Volair Park Prescot, kick off 7.45pm.

Those Linnets fans who do fancy a trip could watch them tonight (Wednesday, September 11) when they are away to Oldham based AVRO.

It will be a vital game for Burscough too, they are presently 14th in the table with five points from five games, while AVRO are third from bottom on three points from five games.

Tom Ince will return to face Skem

A win would put Burscough into a comfortable mid-table position, but defeat would leave them seriously looking over their shoulders at the teams behind them.

Linnets manager Nick Matthews has done a good job since he took over in August but is in the midst of a complete team rebuild at Victoria Park and it could be said that the team could do without the pressure a drop down the table would bring especially as they have two difficult away games to follow.

Skelmersdale's match on Friday night should be an exciting one, Wythenshawe Town are fifth in the North West Counties First Division South they have won four and drawn two of their six league games so far, in the last round they beat Goole AFC 5-2.

Perhaps equally significant is the fact that they have scored 21 league goals in 8 league games, so the Skelmersdale defence will have to be on their best form.

Burscough's game on Monday is as far away as it is possible to get in the North West Counties Premier League, Whitchurch Alport. The unbeaten Shropshire men are going very well, they are second in the league table and showed that they are a very good footballing side when they played Skelmersdale on Bank Holiday Monday.

Skelmersdale are scheduled a midweek league game on Tuesday, September 17 when they are away to Irlam.

The team from alongside the Manchester Ship canal had a superb win in the FA Cup on Saturday, 4-0 at Charnock Richard and as a result have drawn a plumb draw in the next round, York City at home, so Skem will be hoping that they have their minds elsewhere.

But they might just be trying hard to prove themselves for the big day against one of the biggest clubs in non-league football.

Next Saturday, September 21 both teams have games, Skelmersdale will play Longridge Town at Prescot, while Burscough face a tough one as they are away to the favourites to win the North West Counties League Northwich Victoria who play at Witton Albion's ground.

One interesting player that will be in opposition to Skem from Longridge will be Tom Ince, who was a very popular member of the Skem team back in the Northern Premier League Premier Division days, he will be made very welcome.

Members of the successful ladies 2nd team

Tennis players serve up record year on the court

THREE of Aughton's league tennis teams finished top of their respective divisions in 2019 and have gained promotion.

These are the Liverpool League Ladies 1st Team and Men's 3rd Team, along with the Southport League Mixed 2nd team. A newly formed Liverpool League Ladies 2nd team were runners up in their first season and have also gained promotion.

Both the Southport League Mixed 1st team and the Liverpool League Men's 1st team, having gained promotion to the top divisions last year maintained their positions both finishing the season midway in those divisions.

Club President, Helena Culshaw said: "All our eight league teams performed notably well this season with none languishing in the relegation zones.

"This is testament to a great deal of hard work and commitment with team players practising hard all year round, often in poor weather conditions.

"The Club is also enjoying the benefits of a strong coaching programme, under the supervision of Ben Obong, Head Coach who joined us in 2017."

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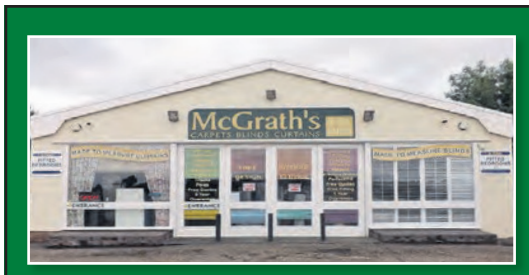

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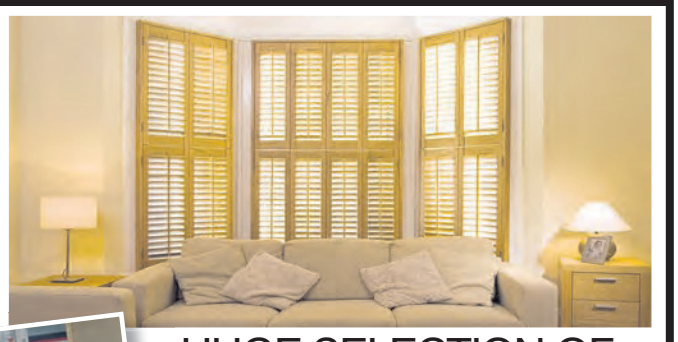

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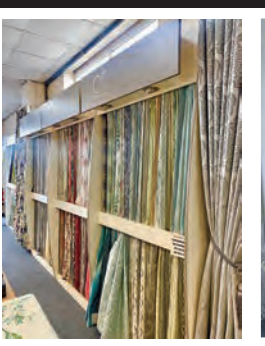

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